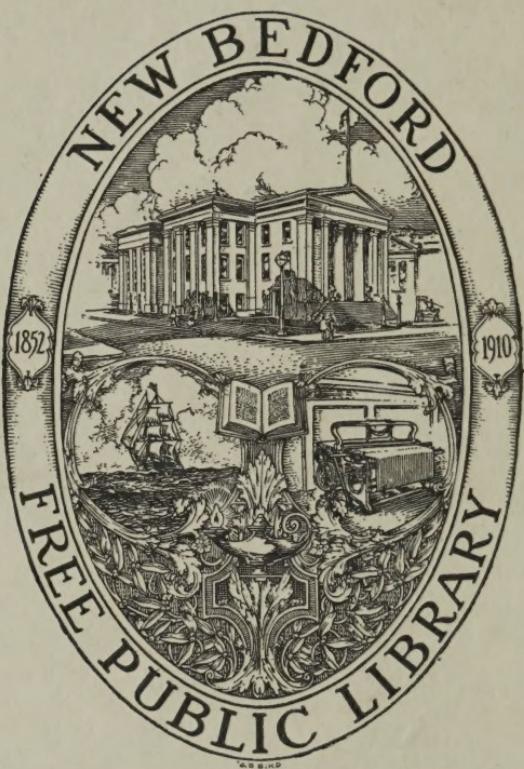


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FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.

FANEUIL HALL, BOSTON, April 9, 1918.

The Fifty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, met this day in compliance with General Orders No. 9, and was called to order at 10 A.M. by Department Commander Daniel E. Denny.

Guard duty was performed by Comrades of Benjamin Stone, Jr., Post 68, assisted by Comrades of C. L. Chandler Post 143. Jerome J. Pratt served as Officer of the Day, and Kilburn G. Kendall as Officer of the Guard, both of Post 68.

GUARDS.

Edwin C. Lockwood, Post 68.
Charles E. Miller, Post 68.
David B. Fletcher, Post 68.
Joseph W. Allen, Post 68.

H. J. Abbott, Post 68.
Wm. W. O'Connell, Post 143.
H. K. Gould, Post 143.

The Officer of the Day reported all present as members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander Denny: "Comrades, this is the fifty-second annual encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. We meet in fraternity, charity and loyalty, and may all our hearts unite as one in sustaining the great objects of our association. The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing."

Prayer was then offered by the Department Chaplain, Seth M. Hall.

OPENING PRAYER BY THE CHAPLAIN.

Almighty God, Creator of all things, our Father who art in Heaven, as we bow before Thee in the attitude of prayer, breathe upon us the spirit of prayer, the spirit of loyalty to Thee, of loyalty to country, and of fraternity among ourselves. As we grow older may we have more of the spirit of charity, which means sacrifice, and the spirit of love, which means devotion.

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Our Father, we thank Thee for the way in which thou hast led us as an Order, and for the way in which Thou hast cared for us as individuals. In all this help us to recognize Thy grace and power.

We would remember those who have been deprived of this privilege to-day. God be with them, comfort them, bless them in all their troubles, sorrows and disappointments; may they find in Thee peace and joy and rest.

Our Father, we ask that the deliberations of this hour and of this convention may be for the best interests of our Order, and for the glory of God.

We ask Thy blessing upon our country to-day. God bless us amid the trials, amid the stern necessities of the hour; help us to be true and closely united for the right. Bless our boys at the front, and give them victory in Thy name, in the name of justice, in the name of humanity, and in the name of a world-wide democracy. O God, hasten the day when, out of the sorrow, the blood and the suffering of war we may see the Sun of righteousness arise; we may see a double peace rest upon our banner. Bless not only our country and our flag, but the whole world, with the spirit of freedom and of righteousness.

Forgive our sins; lead us in the way that we should go, and finally, when we are mustered out transfer us into that great army above of those who have served Thee, and then we shall praise Thee, world without end. Amen.

The prayer was followed by the singing of one verse of "America," in which the whole Encampment joined.

Commander: "I now declare the Encampment open for the business that may legally come before it."

The roll of officers was called, and the Assistant Adjutant-General reported every officer as being present.

Commander: "While these reports are being distributed I will announce the Committee on Credentials: Philip A. Nordell, Assistant Adjutant-General, *Chairman*; Luther W. Bixby, Post 26; F. A. Hammond, Post 191; and A. B. Pierce, Post 63."

The report of the Committee on Credentials read by Assistant Adjutant-General Nordell was as follows:—

Whole number of delegates entitled to vote,	984
Department officers,	11
Past department commanders,	11
Other past department officers,	6
Post commanders,	201
Senior and junior vice commanders and delegates,	755
Total,	984

The following is a complete roll of the Encampment.

ROLL OF ENCAMPMENT.

1918.

[Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk, thus, *, were present.]

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

<i>Commander,</i>	*DANIEL E. DENNY.
<i>Senior Vice-Commander,</i>	*EDWIN P. STANLEY.
<i>Junior Vice-Commander,</i>	*GEORGE W. WILDER.
<i>Medical Director,</i>	*JOHN GILBERT.
<i>Chaplain,</i>	*SETH M. HALL.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

<i>Assistant Adjutant-General,</i>	*PHILIP A. NORDELL.
<i>Assistant Quartermaster-General,</i>	*AUGUSTUS J. HOITT.
<i>Inspector,</i>	HENRY A. WINN.
<i>Judge Advocate,</i>	*BOWDOIN S. PARKER.
<i>Chief Musterling Officer,</i>	*DANIEL L. WEYMOUTH.
<i>Patriotic Instructor,</i>	*CASTELLY O. NORCROSS.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

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*DAVID KING.	*WALTER E. SWAN.
	*GEORGE W. PRATT.

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*JOHN E. GILMAN.	*JOHN M. WOODS.
*J. PAYSON BRADLEY.	*ALFRED H. KNOWLES.
	*FRANCIS E. MOLE.

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<i>Past Department Junior Vice-Commander,</i>	*CHARLES THOMPSON.
<i>Past Department Junior Vice-Commander,</i>	Get. GY FISKE.
<i>Past Department Senior Vice Commander,</i>	E. O. SKELTON.

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 - *Frank W. Bean.
 - *George H. Byers.
 - *Wm. P. Conway.
 - *George W. Bulfinch.
 - *Augustine Upton.
 - *John Chamberlain.
 - *Thomas H. Felter.
 - *Henry F. Jordan.
 - *John Nickerson.
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J. V. C., *Postal M. Black.

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 John Morton.
 Patrick Hogan.

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 *Edgar Greenleaf.

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 *Charles H. Sweeney.

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J. V. C., Charles C. Booth.

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*Geo. F. Moore.
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*George W. Heath.
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Alternate.

Charles H. Marston.

Charles Beck Post 56, Cambridge.

Commander, *James W. Emery.

S. V. C., John Stafford.

J. V. C., *William C. Mellsop.

Representatives.

*George Rouillard.

*Wm. H. H. Howe.

Alternate.

Nelson Smith.

P. Stearns Davis Post 57, East Cambridge.

Commander, Eben Pratt.

S. V. C., Timothy Mahoney.

J. V. C., Daniel Calahan.

Representative.

John S. Kenney.

Alternate.

M. F. Marks.

Reynolds Post 58, East Weymouth.

Commander, *William E. Mitchell.

S. V. C., *Moses S. Libbey.

J. V. C., *Wm. Litchfield.

Representatives.

*Francis A. Bicknell.

*Waldo Turner.

*James T. Pease.

Alternates.

Bradford Hawes.

Joseph H. Burrell.

Joseph P. Ford.

Maj. J. A. Pratt Post 59, Sterling.

Commander, W. S. Walker.

S. V. C., — — —

J. V. C., — — —

Representative.

J. W. Kendall.

Alternate.

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Franklin Post 60, Franklin.

Commander, *Rupert J. Chute.

S. V. C., A. J. Newell.

J. V. C., *E. F. Butters.

Representatives.

W. M. Fisher.

P. A. Farrington.

Alternate.

A. L. Brock.

Nathaniel Lyon Post 61, Webster.

Commander, *Andrew R. Snow.

S. V. C., Henry Brandes.

J. V. C., Thomas L. Gray.

Representatives.

Michael Schofield.

*Louis E. Pattison.

Alternates.

Henry C. Phillips.

Loring Waters.

Charles Ward Post 62, Newtonville.

Commander, *John Ryan.

S. V. C., Charles W. Coleman.

J. V. C., *Valentine Wayland.

Representatives.

*S. F. Chase.

*J. K. Cole.

*John Flood.

*J. E. Reid.

Alternates.

S. N. Kingsbury.

J. Coolidge Coffee.

Wm. J. Holmes.

General Wadsworth Post 63, Natick.

Commander, *Alphonso B. Pierce.

S. V. C., *Oscar Clark.

J. V. C., *E. L. Lackey.

Representatives.

*D. C. Felton.

*R. J. Fox.

Alternates.

A. E. Hall.

Daniel Green.

E. D. Baker Post 64, Clinton.

Commander, *Leonard H. Parker.

S. V. C., *John W. Reynolds.

J. V. C., Thomas H. Burgess.

Representative.

*George S. Gibson.

Alternate.

Ephraim McRell.

S. C. Lawrence Post 66, Medford.

Commander, *George L. Stokell.

S. V. C., *Albert Patch.

J. V. C., *Charles O. Burbank.

Representatives.

*George H. Leavens.

*Jacob L. Babcock.

*J. H. Gardner.

Alternates.

Everett Pierce.

George K. Russell.

Allen Post 67, Manchester.

Commander, *Enoch Crombie.

S. V. C., Nathaniel Morgan.

J. V. C., Alfred S. Jewett.

Representative.

Henry T. Bingham.

Alternate.

*James H. Rivers.

Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, Dorchester.

Commander, *Daniel L. Weymouth.

S. V. C., *Wm. H. Haddock.

J. V. C., *Solomon B. Holman.

Representatives.

*Walter E. Swan.

*George H. Rexford.

*Jerome J. Pratt.

Wallace Kenney.

K. G. Kendall.

Alternates.

Charles H. Beal.

William H. Dupree.

*Rodney W. Greenleaf.

J. Fred Williams.

David B. Fletcher.

Joseph P. Rice Post 69, Westminster.

Commander, *Charles A. Simonds.

S. V. C., Thomas H. Holland.

J. V. C., Leroy A. Howe.

Representative.

*Hobart Raymond.

Alternate.

George W. Barnes.

George A. Custer Post 70, Millbury.

Commander, *Anson G. Livermore.

S. V. C., J. A. Dike.

J. V. C., *Ozias N. Rowe.

Representative.

*Lyman S. Waters.

Alternate.

Henry F. Hobart.

Kilpatrick Post 71, Holyoke.

Commander, *Wm. H. Abbott.

S. V. C., Henry C. Tennant.

J. V. C., *Joshua A. Fraser.

Representatives.

S. S. Chapman.

Albert Loring.

*George H. Lynde.

Alternates.

P. A. Streeter.

George E. Whitaker.

Henry A. King.

A. St. John Chambre Post 72, Stoughton.

Commander, *James McElroy.

S. V. C., *Charles A. Miles.

J. V. C., *Seth W. Cobbett.

Representatives.

Myron Rounds.

*Herbert O. Holmes.

*George W. Pratt.

Alternates.

James P. Leeds.

Charles A. Miles.

Michael F. Murphy.

McPherson Post 73, Abington.

Commander, *John F. Hatch.

S. V. C., Henry T. Rochefort.

J. V. C., William B. Arnold.

Representatives.

*William H. Nash.

*James B. Johnson.

Alternates.

James Claflin.

Isaac K. Holmes.

Hartsuff Post 74, Rockland.

Commander, William K. Groce.

S. V. C., C. H. Lane.

J. V. C., Wilson D. Doane.

Representatives.

*J. H. Harper.

*J. S. Gray.

*J. B. Hersey.

Alternates.

W. H. Cate.

S. M. Watts.

C. H. French.

J. P. Gould Post 75, Stoneham.

Commander, *George W. Newhall.

S. V. C., *George F. Jewett.

J. V. C., J. W. Osborne.

Representatives.

*S. A. Lawrence.

*M. W. Messer.

Alternates.

A. F. Willey.

P. H. Horne.

Collingwood Post 76, Plymouth.

Commander, Willie R. Butters.

S. V. C., Lyman Dixon.

J. V. C., Seth L. Holmes.

Representatives.

*Albert E. Davis.

Herman Robbins.

Alternates.

Caleb T. Robbins.

Harig Casta.

Theron E. Hall Post 77, Holden.

Commander, *G. S. Holden.

S. V. C., A. D. Bascom.

J. V. C., *J. H. Allen.

Representative.

C. E. Farrar.

Alternate.

C. R. Hill.

David A. Russell Post 78, Whitman.

Commander, Ezra Phinney.

S. V. C., *Quincy A. Merritt.

J. V. C., *John Lane.

Representatives.

*Charles H. Mason.

*Shepherd F. Eaton.

O. H. Ellis.

Alternate.

*Bela Alden.

Chas. D. Sanford Post 79, North Adams.

Commander, L. F. Amadon.

S. V. C., A. E. Canfield.

J. V. C., Wm. A. Welton.

Representatives.

*Henry A. Tower.

H. J. Millard.

Henry G. Seegar.

Alternates.

Philo Sibley.

Edson O. Wiley.

George Montgomery.

Arthur G. Biscoe Post 80, Westborough.

Commander, *R. O. Stockbridge.

S. V. C., *E. H. Barns.

J. V. C., *E. L. Warren.

Representatives.

*B. B. Burnett.

*J. W. Fairbanks.

Alternates.

J. A. Gilmore.

Michael Crowe.

Isaac B. Patten Post 81, Watertown.

Commander, *W. H. Benjamin.

S. V. C., *Chas. H. Dean.

J. V. C., *R. Kelley.

Representative.

*Chas. F. Sherman.

*Alternate.***John Goodwin, Jr., Post 82, Marblehead.**

Commander, *Richard H. Salkins.

S. V. C., *Clark W. Stevers.

J. V. C., *Charles L. Eustis.

Representatives.

Wm. T. Litchman.

*John E. Hammond.

*Benj. J. Pedrick.

Alternates.

*Thomas Swasey.

Philip B. Laskey.

J. E. Wilder Post 83, Hanover.

Commander, Horace S. Tower.

S. V. C., Peleg S. Sturtevant.

J. V. C., George M. Curtis.

Representative.

*Samuel F. Buffum.

Alternate.

Martin V. Bonney.

J. W. Lawton Post 85, Ware.

Commander, *Hubert M. Coney.

S. V. C., *A. H. Richardson.

J. V. C., *Charles H. Rood.

Representative.

*Geo. S. Marsh.

Alternate.

W. L. Baker Post 86, Northampton.

Commander, *J. P. Thompson.

S. V. C., *W. R. Bardwell.

J. V. C., Jerome B. Sikes.

Representatives.

*H. M. Abbott.

Geo. D. Jewett.

D. E. Hoxie.

Alternates.

Geo. W. Harris.

E. E. Graves.

Geo. H. Emerson.

W. H. H. Bingham.

Gen. S. Thayer Post 87, South Braintree.

Commander, *William L. Gage.

S. V. C., Solon David.

J. V. C., Morris Gurney.

Representative.

*Edw. A. Fisher.

Alternate.

Wm. J. Tirrell.

Paul J. Revere Post 88, Quincy.

Commander, *John D. Williams.

S. V. C., Thomas Ring.

J. V. C., Andrew J. Gilman.

Representatives.

*Francis P. Loud.

*George L. Phillips.

Alternates.

Mark E. Hanson.

William M. Bird.

J. H. Chipman, Jr., Post 89, Beverly.

Commander, *Wm. H. Morgan.

S. V. C., *John E. Foster.

J. V. C., George P. Irving.

Representatives.

N. E. Jacobs.

*T. F. Dunham.

*Henry B. Wallis.

*Arthur Jordan.

Alternates.

Thos. Eastman.

Stephen A. Abbott.

*C. W. Mitchell.

*T. F. Whiting.

Ward Post 90, Danvers.

Commander, *Joseph Bushby.

S. V. C., *D. J. Cashman.

J. V. C., J. F. Whipple.

Representatives.

*D. F. Spalding.

*A. A. Rackliff.

Alternates.

C. E. Tibbetts.

L. D. Crosby.

T. S. Birney.

E. R. Carpenter Post 91, Foxborough.

Commander, Thomas B. Bourne.

S. V. C., *Jos. H. Dow.

J. V. C., H. C. Williams.

Representative.

*George H. Sands.

*Alternate.***Francis Washburn Post 92, Brighton.**

Commander, *John Welch.

S. V. C., Ellis W. Knowlton.

J. V. C., Chas. M. Hathaway.

Representatives.

*William W. Castle.

Joseph H. Haskell.

Alternates.

J. J. Reardon.

C. M. Hathaway.

Ozro Miller Post 93, Shelburne Falls.

Commander, E. F. Gillett.

S. V. C., John D. Avery.

J. V. C., J. E. Austin.

Representative.

George F. Wilder.

Alternate.

J. D. Avery.

Revere Post 94, Canton.

Commander, *Richmond L. Weston.

S. V. C., *Theron M. Kelley.

J. V. C., James Ryan.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Gen. E. W. Hincks Post 95, Saugus.

Commander, *James F. Pratt.

S. V. C., *Joseph Newhall.

J. V. C., *Samuel L. Blood.

Representative.
George W. Gale.

Alternate.
John S. Smith.

Joe Johnson Post 96, Northborough.

Commander, *Levi Whitcomb.

S. V. C., O. N. Bailey.

J. V. C., Henry Burdett.

Representative.
*C. H. Mentzer.

Alternate.
G. P. Heath.

E. S. Griggs Post 97, Belchertown.

Commander, A. P. Cook.

S. V. C., — —

J. V. C., — —

Representative.
— —

Alternate.
— —

Henry Bryant Post 98, Cohasset.

Commander, Cyrus H. Bates.

S. V. C., — —

J. V. C., — —

Representative.
Otis S. Wilbur.

Alternate.
George M. Adams.

Gen. W. F. Bartlett Post 99, Andover.

Commander, *George W. Chandler.

S. V. C., *Henry L. Clukey.

J. V. C., *John Cummings.

Representative.
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Alternate.
John B. A. Russell.

Col. William B. Greene Post 100, Methuen.

Commander, *John Q. Hill.

S. V. C., *Amos G. Jones.

J. V. C., Charles M. Sawyer.

Representative.
— —

Alternate.
Franklin W. Cluff.

Charles Sumner Post 101, Groveland.

Commander, *Abbott L. Lane.

S. V. C., Gilmore P. Parker.

J. V. C., John A. Day.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Huntington F. Wolcott Post 102, Milton.**

Commander, *N. S. Barry.

S. V. C., W. F. Leavitt.

J. V. C., *A. F. Emery.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*J. Strangman.

John Taylor.

Otis Chapman Post 103, Chicopee.

Commander, E. S. Elsbree.

S. V. C., John Grout.

J. V. C., Edward Dugan.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*W. C. Tracy.

R. W. Warner.

Edwin Humphrey Post 104, Hingham.

Commander, *Samuel A. Cushing.

S. V. C., Ezra Wilder.

J. V. C., *Jerry G. O'Hara.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*John H. Stoddar.

Alfred A. Lincoln.

J. Orson Fiske Post 105, Upton.

Commander, Charles W. Comstock.

S. V. C., *Geo. R. Pierce.

J. V. C., Edward Lyford.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Geo. W. Pierce.

M. W. Claflin.

Otis W. Wallace Post 106, Rockport.

Commander, *Joseph M. Reed.

S. V. C., — — —

J. V. C., — — —

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Charles B. Morse.

L. L. Merrick Post 107, Palmer.

Commander, *D. J. Mahoney.

S. V. C., Henry S. Hobson.

J. V. C., J. H. Davis.

Representative.

*H. E. W. Clark.

Alternate.

James Olney.

Everett Peabody Post 108, Georgetown.

Commander, James B. Wildes.

S. V. C., Alex. M. Winthrop.

J. V. C., *John F. Phillips.

Representative.

*Chas. E. Tyler.

Alternate.

A. M. Winthrop.

Ericsson Post 109, Templeton.

Commander, Henry L. Bennett.

S. V. C., Samuel Richardson.

J. V. C., Jos. W. Moor.

Representative.

Charles B. Garfield.

Alternate.

*John A. Merrill.

Capt. Horace Niles Post 110, Randolph.

Commander, *William B. Spear.

S. V. C., Alonzo Delano.

J. V. C., Daniel D. Denehy.

Representative.

*H. S. Faunce.

Alternate.

R. I. Jones.

Joseph E. Simmons Post 111, Pembroke.

Commander, *B. F. Toppen.

S. V. C., W. H. Gaskins.

J. V. C., John C. Dain.

Representative.

*A. W. Curtis.

Alternate.

Edward A. Farnsworth.

D. Willard Robinson Post 112, Norwell.

Commander, *Alfred B. Litchfield.

S. V. C., *Henry F. Ford.

J. V. C., Seth M. Sprague.

Representative.

Everett N. Mann.

Alternate.

Frank Dyer.

Edward W. Kinsley Post 113, Boston.

Commander, Oliver P. Ricker.

S. V. C., George E. Savory.

J. V. C., *Fred S. McCausland.

Representatives.

*Albion P. Pease.

*Charles E. Pierce.

*Henry G. Weston.

Wm. E. Murdock.

Alternates.

Manning Emery.

James R. Gerrish.

William B. Gove.

Charles L. Ridgway.

Col. C. R. Mudge Post 114, Merrimac.

Commander, Lorenzo B. Blaisdell.

S. V. C., C. E. Flanders.

J. V. C., *E. G. Bly.

Representative.

*James E. Bean.

Alternate.

E. S. Clark Post 115, Groton.

Commander, *Charles H. Berry.

S. V. C., Warner Souther.

J. V. C., John Condon.

Representative.

James F. Moore.

Alternate.

*Charles H. Torrey.

D. G. Farragut Post 116, Gardner.

Commander, John R. Greenleaf.

S. V. C., *Amos H. Eaton.

J. V. C., Jefferson B. Lord.

Representatives.

Edward P. Brown.

*George Kendall.

Alternates.

*Francis M. Howes.

William Putnam.

Moses Ellis Post 117, Medfield.

Commander, *J. E. Pettis.

S. V. C., James Ord.

J. V. C., *George E. Pettis.

Representative.

E. C. Crocker.

Alternate.



Gen. James L. Bates Post 118, Swampscott.

Commander, *John R. Merrill.

S. V. C., *George W. Thomas.

J. V. C., George Laurilliard.

Representative.

*Rodney A. Douglass.

Alternate.

Peleg Gardner.

George G. Meade Post 119, Lexington.

Commander, Everett S. Locke.

S. V. C., Fred Davis.

J. V. C., D. P. Ladd.

Representative.

*William B. Foster.

Alternate.

George N. Gurney.

James A. Garfield Post 120, Lowell.

Commander, Thomas O. Regan.

S. V. C., *Joseph Denio.

J. V. C., *N. B. Lamunda.

Representatives.

*Alvin W. Stockwell.

*Alexander Flanders.

*W. L. Dickey.

Alternates.

A. J. Boies.

J. S. Cochrane.

Timothy Ingraham Post 121, Hyde Park.

Commander, *Robert L. Frampton.

S. V. C., *E. E. Rollins.

J. V. C., Wm. J. King.

Representatives.

*Richard F. Boynton.

*Geo. E. Noyes.

Alternates.

Harry S. Buxton.

John H. Kazar.

E. P. Wallace Post 122, Amesbury.

Commander, *Frank W. Bailey.

S. V. C., *George E. Batchelder.

J. V. C., F. M. Kennerson.

Representative.

*M. M. Dennett.

Alternate.

W. H. Currier.

Parker Post 123, Station A, Athol.

Commander, *Lyman B. Hastings.

S. V. C., George D. Marsh.

J. V. C., *J. C. Amidon.

*Representatives.**Charles E. Taft.
F. R. Blackmer.*Alternates.*John A. Woods.
J. H. J. Potter.**W. W. Rockwell Post 125, Pittsfield.**

Commander, Charles B. Scudder.

S. V. C., Peter Hackett.

J. V. C., *Edward C. Reagan.

Representative.

*F. A. Ireland.

*Alternates.**D. M. Wilcox.
*Robert B. Dickie.**George E. Sayles Post 126, Adams.**

Commander *Francis E. Mole.

S. V. C., L. F. Wheelock.

J. V. C., Harlin Horton.

Representative.

*J. Wesley Gurney.

*Alternates.*Horace M. Sheldon.
Samuel J. Dean.**T. L. Bonney Post 127, Hanson.**

Commander, *John Scates.

S. V. C., *Nathaniel T. Howland.

J. V. C., Albert L. Dame.

Representative.

*Gilson Beal.

Alternate.

Charles G. Moore.

Gen. James Appleton Post 128, Ipswich.

Commander, *Chas. W. Bamford.

S. V. C., John J. Fowler.

J. V. C., James H. Hull.

*Representatives.**William A. Chaplin.
Ezra Hale, Jr.*Alternate.*

Alonzo Butler.

William H. Freeman Post 129, Blackstone.

Commander, — — — S. V. C., — — —	J. V. C., — — —
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Representative.

Alternate.

James H. Sargent Post 130, West Medway.

Commander, *D. W. Newell. S. V. C., Francis Hagar.	J. V. C., Elmer L. Videtto.
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<i>Representative.</i> *Geo. W. Bullard.	<i>Alternate.</i> Joel P. Bullard.
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George H. Thomas Post 131, Leicester.

Commander, *Eugene H. Newton. S. V. C., *John Q. Jordan.	J. V. C., Jos. Gibbs.
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<i>Representative.</i> Frank M. Lamb.	<i>Alternate.</i> <hr/>
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Charles Chipman Post 132, Sandwich.

Commander, J. Frank Giles. S. V. C., J. M. Perry.	J. V. C., George L. Haines.
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<i>Representative.</i> *S. W. Hunt.	<i>Alternate.</i> Peleg T. Brown.
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George H. Maintien Post 133, Plainville.

Commander, *Charles N. Moore. S. V. C., *Granville Morse.	J. V. C., Charles H. Ballou.
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<i>Representative.</i> *Horace E. Coombs.	<i>Alternate.</i> Amos Anderson.
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Robert A. Bell Post 134, Boston.

Commander, *E. A. Ditmus. S. V. C., *George W. Sharper.	J. V. C., *Thomas L. D. Cannon.
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<i>Representative.</i> *Isaac S. Mullen.	<i>Alternate.</i> Wm. H. Davis.
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E. A. Andrews Post 135, Shrewsbury.

Commander, Hiram W. Loring.

S. V. C., George W. T. Clapp.

J. V. C., Peter Gamache.

*Representative.**Alternate.***George C. Marshall Post 136, Rutland.**

Commander, L. Q. Spaulding.

S. V. C., W. M. Warren.

J. V. C., T. Sibley Heald.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*Gardner M. Dean.

George F. Handy.

Samuel Sibley Post 137, East Douglass.

Commander, William L. Church.

S. V. C., J. B. Sweet.

J. V. C., H. C. Belding.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Isaac Davis Post 138, West Acton.**

Commander, Delette H. Hall.

S. V. C., *George L. Towne.

J. V. C., S. R. Burroughs.

*Representatives.**Alternates.*

*George B. Parker.

Alonzo Joy.

*A. D. Holt.

James Carney.

Willard C. Kinsley Post 139, Somerville.

Commander, *Augustus W. Fix.

S. V. C., Dennis M. Dailey.

J. V. C., *N. D. P. Foster.

*Representatives.**Alternates.*

*Charles O. Pratt.

Edwin J. Smith.

*Caleb A. Page.

Andrew J. Claffey.

*John H. Dusseault.

George H. Goss.

*Charles Stewart.

Matthew Fitzpatrick.

*George M. Houghton.

Thomas H. Edgerly.

Hubbard V. Smith Post 140, Athol.

Commander, A. J. Eddy.

S. V. C., J. C. Blake.

J. V. C., *A. C. Wells.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

P. F. Nims.

Frank D. Hammond Post 141, South Chatham.

Commander, *Samuel Hawes.

S. V. C., Asa L. Jones.

J. V. C., Gustavus E. Robbins.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Nathan C. Underwood.

Burnside Post 142, Saxonville.

Commander *George A. Reed.

S. V. C., *George Green.

J. V. C., *Michael Dunn.

*Representative.**Alternate.***C. L. Chandler Post 143, Brookline.**

Commander, *Albert W. Bright.

S. V. C., George F. Dearborn.

J. V. C., *William B. Webber.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*Albert W. Mann.

Arthur C. Engle.

Charles W. Carroll Post 144, Dedham.

Commander, *John E. Bronson.

S. V. C., Patrick S. O'Leary.

J. V. C., *R. H. Lincoln.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*William B. Gould.

William A. Streeter Post 145, Attleboro.

Commander, *Edward W. Rhodes.

S. V. C., Welcome B. Aldrich.

J. V. C., Orvil Balcom.

Representatives.

John F. Streeter.

*Cyrus Getchell.

*John W. Bean.

Alternates.

H. A. Butterworth.

J. C. Cummings.

E. W. Parmentor.

General Lawton Post 146, Lawrence.

Commander, *Henry A. Musk.

S. V. C., David Blair.

J. V. C., *Stephen B. Miller.

Representatives.

*Theophilus Coupe.

*Oran J. Randlett.

Alternates.

John A. Brackett.

Amos C. Bradford.

E. M. Stanton Post 147, Amherst.

Commander, *Oriville W. Prouty.

S. V. C., Newton Wallace.

J. V. C., Charles L. Russell.

Representatives.

Edmund A. Thompson.

*Charles S. Walker.

Alternates.

Edgar A. Thayer.

*Waldo L. Styles.

A. D. Weld Post 148, Winchester.

Commander, S. H. Brookings.

S. V. C., Henry Smalley.

J. V. C., Henry Richburg.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Maj. G. L. Stearns Post 149, Charlestown.**

Commander, *Patrick H. Driscoll.

S. V. C., *Joseph Hayes.

J. V. C., Edw. Harrington.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*Corydon O. Stone.

James H. Finn.

Major Boyd Post 151, West Newbury.

Commander, John A. Bradley.

S. V. C., A. A. Dow.

J. V. C., — —

*Representative.**Alternate.*

O. H. P. Sargent Post 152, Essex.

Commander, *Albert Andrews.

S. V. C., John F. Gilbert.

J. V. C., Eben Perkins.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Gilman C. Parker Post 153, Winchendon.

Commander, *Gustavus W. Jones.

S. V. C., *Jerome L. Stevens.

J. V. C., William W. Holman.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Martha Sever Post 154, Kingston.

Commander, *George H. Bonney.

S. V. C., *Frank C. Hill.

J. V. C., Cyrus J. Glover.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Marcus Keep Post 155, Monson.

Commander, *Charles A. Abbott.

S. V. C., *O. C. Switzer.

J. V. C., Willard Nelson.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

James A. Perkins Post 156, Everett.

Commander, *George A. Parsons.

S. V. C., *Edmund O. Knox.

J. V. C., *Colburn E. Wells.

Representatives.

*Henry Schrow.

*Wm. H. Cate.

*Harvey A. Kellogg.

Alternates.

Freeman A. Langley.

Jos. O. Rice.

Edward Peacock.

Elbridge B. Piper Post 157, Walpole.

Commander, *James H. Hathaway.

S. V. C., N. T. Hamlin.

J. V. C., Isaac Miller.

Representative.

N. W. Fisher.

Alternate.

Joshua Allen.

John A. Hawes Post 159, East Boston.

Commander, *William E. Estes.

S. V. C., Stephen D. Snow.

J. V. C., James Lyng.

Representative.

L. Edward Jenkins.

Alternate.

James H. Pridham.

Alanson Hamilton Post 160, West Brookfield.

Commander, Peter T. Kittridge.

S. V. C., Samuel G. Irons.

J. V. C., James Mundell.

Representative.

Edwin Wilbur.

Alternate.

Allen Jones.

Woburn Post 161, Woburn.

Commander, *Edwin F. Wyer.

S. V. C., B. F. Smith.

J. V. C., Frank A. Winn.

Representatives.

*R. F. Poole.

C. Littlefield.

Alternates.

C. E. Richardson.

*John F. Chase.

Gen. J. G. Foster Post 163, South Framingham.

Commander, *A. S. Trowbridge.

S. V. C., Michael Sullivan.

J. V. C., Ira L. Dunaven.

Representatives.

*Charles L. Douglas.

*William R. Reed.

Alternates.

Ira L. Duncan.

Wm. F. Brown.

Francis A. Clary Post 164, Conway.

Commander, Alexander Sinclair.

S. V. C., Gordon H. Johnson.

J. V. C., Adelbert Bailey.

*Representative.**Alternate.***William Wadsworth Post 165, Duxbury.**

Commander, *John W. Tower.

S. V. C., E. Edgar Chandler.

J. V. C., George H. Bailey.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

A. M. Goulding.

John W. Alden.

George C. Strong Post 166, Easthampton.

Commander, William G. Taylor.

S. V. C., Oscar Ward.

J. V. C., *John Messier.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*N. W. Farrer.

E. L. Messerschmidt.

Rouse E. Clark Post 167, Whitinsville.

Commander, John E. Pharnes.

S. V. C., Bowers Davis.

J. V. C., H. W. Aldrich.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*James Crichton.

William H. Aldrich.

Malcolm Ammidown Post 168, Southbridge.

Commander, *George W. Corey.

S. V. C., J. Frank Sibley.

J. V. C., Edwin L. Torrey.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*Orrin J. Aldrich.

George K. Bird Post 169, Norwood.

Commander, *William Foreman.

S. V. C., G. W. Nead.

J. V. C., *Henry N. Fales.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Charles H. Rogers.

John Rogers Post 170, Mansfield.

Commander, *Davis Cook.

S. V. C., *Alfred A. Briggs.

J. V. C., *George A. Fiske.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*Henry C. Hamilton.

Henry H. Johnson Post 171, Northfield.

Commander, *J. R. Hamilton.

S. V. C., Rodney Doolittle.

J. V. C., Isaac Thomas.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Benj. F. Field.

Silas W. Bailey.

G. K. Warren Post 172, Bolton.

Commander, *Andrew L. Nourse.

S. V. C., — — —

J. V. C., — — —

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*Alfred Currier.

J. Arthur Johnson Post 173, Sturbridge.

Commander, W. H. Hinman.

S. V. C., B. C. Bennett.

J. V. C., Wm. L. Allen.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

E. H. Davenport.

M. H. Corbin.

Edwin E. Day Post 174, Greenfield.

Commander, *William P. Saxton.

S. V. C., E. F. Thayer.

J. V. C., Allen Newton.

*Representatives.**Richard O'Hara.
A. L. Hunt.*Alternates.*Wm. N. Sessions.
*Allen Newton.**Washburn Post 175, Lancaster.**

Commander, George H. Brown.

S. V. C., B. F. Wyman.

J. V. C., J. E. Farnsworth.

Representative.

*John F. Keyes.

Alternate.

E. C. Mann.

Gen. Horace E. Lee Post 176, Huntington.

Commander, *Henry E. Stanton.

S. V. C., A. D. Fuller.

J. V. C., William Cossett.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Samuel F. Woods Post 179, Barre.**

Commander, B. F. Brooks.

S. V. C., Geo. W. Stetson.

J. V. C., A. P. Clark.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Old Concord Post 180, Concord.**

Commander, *George M. Bowker.

S. V. C., *Edward H. Maker.

J. V. C., *John H. Brown.

Representative.

*George F. Wheeler.

Alternate.

Myrick L. Hatch.

Galen Orr Post 181, Needham.

Commander, *Lyman Wilcox.

S. V. C., *Wm. J. Horrocks.

J. V. C., Wm. Bell.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Cyrus M. Wheaton Post 182, Somerset.**

Commander, Milton J. Brightman.

S. V. C., Thomas A. Francis.

J. V. C., A. C. Padelford.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

D. D. Andrews.

E E. Staples.

Charles C. Smith Post 183, South Hadley Falls.

Commander, J. S. Walkley.

S. V. C., William Brown.

J. V. C., James Brown.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Philip Hyde.

Burritt Judd.

Sergeant Plunkett Post 184, Ashburnham.

Commander, *Josiah W. Bride.

S. V. C., Harvey Clark.

J. V. C., T. H. Fargo.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*Albert Needham.

Ladd and Whitney Post 185, Lowell.

Commander, *Franklin S. Pevey.

S. V. C., *Albert I. Gilman.

J. V. C., *George E. Bryant.

*Representatives.**Alternates.*

*M. F. Smith.

Albert J. Bailey.

*Wm. A. Arnold.

M. F. Smith.

Amos Winters.

Chas. H. Horton.

C. B. Sanders.

Theodore F. Gardner.

John A. Logan Post 186, Cambridge.

Commander, *Fernando Miles.

S. V. C., *Alfred Wood.

J. V. C., *T. B. Rand.

Representatives.

*Charles James.

*David A. Stevens.

*Alternate.***Preston Post 188, Beverly Farms.**

Commander, *George H. Wyatt.

S. V. C., Wm. F. Larcom.

J. V. C., Geo. D. Batchelder.

Representative.

*Eben Day.

Alternate.

Benj. F. Osborn.

David Church Post 189, Marshfield Hills.

Commander, Israel H. Hatch.

S. V. C., *Charles H. Rand.

J. V. C., Warren F. White.

Representative.

*James L. Rogers.

*Alternate.***R. A. Pierce Post 190, New Bedford.**

Commander, *Thomas J. Gifford.

S. V. C., *Wm. H. H. Jennings.

J. V. C., Geo. F. Reynolds.

Representatives.

Geo. H. Duncan.

*Allen G. Ashley.

*Mortimer Searles.

Chas. E. Pierce.

Alternate.

Frank E. Brown.

C. A. Bearse.

Otis B. Phinney.

Geo. A. Jenks.

Gettysburg Post 191, Boston.

Commander, *Edward A. Hammond.

S. V. C., Geo. H. Leeds.

J. V. C., *S. F. Bradbury.

Representatives.

*Mansel H. Bush.

*Bernhard Sommer.

*Wm. V. Hargraves.

Alternate.

*J. W. Jordan.

Prentiss M. Whiting Post 192, North Attleborough.

Commander, *Stephen Stanley.

S. V. C., Henry G. S. Struck.

J. V. C., George F. Dietz.

*Representative.**Alternate.***C. M. Packard Post 193, Avon.**

Commander, *Ira McLaughlin.

S. V. C., *W. F. Oliver.

J. V. C., M. Walsh.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

S. Frank Oliver.

J. W. Bryant.

Veteran Post 194, Reading.

Commander, *Walter S. Parker.

S. V. C., *W. H. V. Brooks.

J. V. C., Wilmot K. Pratt.

*Representatives.**Alternate.*

George A. Sargent.

Lewis F. Stone.

*Moses E. Nichols.

Thomas A. Parker Post 195, East Pepperell.

Commander, *George G. Tarbell.

S. V. C., Henry P. Humes.

J. V. C., Russell C. Plummer.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Celestine G. Willey.

G. D. Anderson Post 196, Great Barrington.

Commander, C. H. Bentley.

S. V. C., Timothy Leary.

J. V. C., J. J. Gillette.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

H. C. Joyner.

Berkshire Post 197, Pittsfield.

Commander, Michael J. Reynolds.

S. V. C., J. H. Sears.

J. V. C., C. E. Johnson.

Representatives.

Wm. F. Hunt.

John H. Skinkle.

Alternates.

Mountain Miller Post 198, Plainfield.

Commander, Shepard R. Dyer.

S. V. C., O. Taylor.

J. V. C., Charles Conn.

Representative.

Wells P. Taylor.

Alternate.

W. H. Shaw.

Wm. B. Eaton Post 199, Revere.

Commander, *F. H. Prescott.

S. V. C., Enos T. Cunningham.

J. V. C., John Maher.

Representative.

*C. Bradford Holmes.

Alternate.

Lewis L. Bullard.

Boston Post 200, Jamaica Plain.

Commander, *Joseph S. Ridlon.

S. V. C., *John F. Kelleher.

J. V. C., *M. W. Powers.

Representative.

*B. Frank Appleby.

Alternate.

Henry C. Whiting.

Henry Clay Wade Post 201, Oak Bluffs.

Commander, George H. Stratton.

S. V. C., James B. Robinson.

J. V. C., A. D. Littlefield.

Representative.

Henry W. Coye.

Alternate.

John N. Luce.

E. B. Nye Post 203, Bourne.

Commander, * Jesse F. Phinney.

S. V. C., Charles H. Fowle.

J. V. C., Martin C. Cahoon.

Representative.

George E. Tracy.

Alternate.

John J. Ryder.

Theodore Parkman Post 204, Centerville.

Commander, *T. H. Soule, Jr.

S. V. C., Augustus D. Ayling.

J. V. C., *James H. Handy.

Representative.

*Edgar A. Wyman.

Alternate.

Marcus M. Haskell.

Bridgewater Post 205, Bridgewater.

Commander, *James Taylor.

S. V. C., P. C. W. Vaughan.

J. V. C., Jesse Brown.

Representative.

*Daniel Ripley.

Alternate.

William Holmes.

B. F. Jones Post 206, Falmouth.

Commander, George E. Teele.

S. V. C., W. H. Hubbard.

J. V. C., Cornelius B. Fish.

Representative.

Reuben E. Phinney.

Alternate.

C. F. Hunnewell.

Thomas M. Gardner Post 207, Nantucket.

Commander, Josiah F. Murphy.

S. V. C., Alfred F. Ray.

J. V. C., Wm. G. Robinson.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Gen. W. T. Sherman Post 208, Wareham.**

Commander, Hosea B. Morse.

S. V. C., C. K. Greer.

J. V. C., David S. Swift.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

John Campbell.

E. P. Hopkins Post 209, Williamstown.

Commander, George F. Larrabee.

S. V. C., Wm. J. Briggs.

J. V. C., Henry Warboy.

Representative.

*W. R. Stocking.

Alternate.

J. W. Noyes.

Gen. William S. Lincoln Post 211, Enfield.

Commander, *E. H. Moore.

S. V. C., Nathan Beals.

J. V. C., — —

Representative.

*Arthur A. Pomeroy.

Alternate.

Frank S. Downing.

Alfred C. Monroe Post 212, East Bridgewater.

Commander, *Charles E. Allen.

S. V. C., — —

J. V. C., — —

Representative.

Benj. W. Poole.

Alternate.

Eugene A. Lincoln.

Y-an-no Post 213, Hyannis.

Commander, — —

S. V. C., — —

J. V. C., — —

Representative.

*Hiram F. Chase.

Alternate.

S. D. W. Mitchell.

After the report of the Committee on Credentials (page 4) Commander Denny read the following address.

[For further proceedings see page 124.]

ADDRESS OF
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DANIEL E. DENNY.

COMRADES:— Another milestone in our history has passed since we met here in this historic hall, well named “The Cradle of Liberty.” Within these walls was born the spirit of liberty, which threw off the shackles of injustice and oppression and became the ideal of the struggling peoples of to-day. Here have echoed patriotism and freedom, and from this platform has been heard the eloquence of our most distinguished statesmen, and it seems to me that we ought to get inspiration from such surroundings to do our part in the patriotic work of to-day.

We have assembled here for our Fifty-second Annual Encampment to render a report of our stewardship of the interests of our Order during the past year, to make provision for the year that we are just entering, and to exemplify to the fullest extent our faith in the great principles of our Order: of Fraternity, which shall bind us more strongly together in our interest and in our understanding; of Loyalty, which shall make us stand always as strong types of good citizenship; and of Charity,—“the greatest of these,”—which shall give us the spirit of helpfulness and sympathy in time of stress for those who fought under the folds of our flag in '61-'65.

We may have felt sometimes that we were a part of the past and were living in our memories, but in these stirring days of the “World War,” we are glad to know that we can have a part, and a necessary and valuable one, too. Though we cannot shoulder a gun and march away as we did before, we can still serve our country, and our country needs us. Only old soldiers like ourselves can understand the spirit of the young man who leaves home and business to follow the flag, none better than we can suffer and bleed with him in the dark days to come, none can more understandingly make his loved ones know, if the worst befalls, that “it is sweet and fitting for one’s country to

die," and none can give a heartier welcome home than we, when the clouds of battle shall have rolled away and the world shall have been made safe for democracy.

This past year has been a memorable one in the history of the world. Our country's entrance into the turmoil has been of peculiar moment and significance. History is being made rapidly every day. The declaration of war was followed by extraordinary measures of preparation; conscription was entered upon at once; camps were opened and training was begun; troops were sent overseas, and the first blood has been spilled again that all men might be "free and equal," and that democracy might prevail. Comrades of our whole Department have rallied around the flag with burning patriotism, holding up the hands of these young men. We have taken part in rallies, assisted at enlistments, and acted as escorts when they marched away in the service of their country. It is good to have a part in it all, for though our hair be gray, our hearts are as young as ever.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Department is composed of two hundred Posts at the present time. Two Posts have surrendered their charters,—Post 183 of South Hadley Falls and Post 201 of Oak Bluffs. An effort was made to have them retain their organization, but it was unsuccessful.

Number of Comrades Dec. 31, 1916,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,243
Total gain for the year,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	184
Total loss for the year,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	952
Number of Comrades Dec. 31, 1917,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,483
Number of deaths during the year,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	813

The loss by deaths is about as usual. We must expect this to continue from now on until we cease to exist as an organization. Statistics show that the Grand Army that enlisted over fifty years ago to preserve the nation has less than one-fifth of its members living to-day.

The suspensions are much larger than they should be. No Comrade ought to be allowed to lose his membership by suspension if it is possible to retain him. If he is unable to pay his dues, the Post ought to remit them. Let us make an effort to retain every Comrade now upon the roll. The pension lists show that there are many men who saw service in the Civil War who are not members of our Order. They are willing to accept the increased pensions which have been secured

by the Grand Army, but they are not willing to support the organization which has thus benefited them. Let us make an effort to bring them, even at this eleventh hour, within our ranks, and let them know what our Fraternity stands for.

FINANCE.

The financial condition of the Department is good, as is shown by the report of the Assistant Quartermaster-General, reflecting credit upon the Posts and the Comrades for their faithfulness to the interests of the Order. When President Wilson called upon the people to subscribe to the Liberty Bonds, to carry on the war against Germany, the Department Council of Administration, by a unanimous vote, decided to subscribe in bonds \$5,000, which we had deposited in savings banks. We felt that we could thus, in part, exemplify our patriotism by assisting the government in her time of need.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Past Department Commander W. A. Wetherbee, who was Assistant Quartermaster-General, resigned his position January 2.

I appointed Past Commander A. J. Hoitt of Post 5 as his successor. Comrade Hoitt is well known as a former pension agent at Boston.

Comrade Israel H. De Wolf, Headquarters Clerk, resigned January 11 on account of ill health.

I appointed as his successor Past Commander Eben W. Pike of Post 30.

VISITATIONS.

I have endeavored to visit and to encourage the smaller Posts of the Department. The small membership in some Posts has made it difficult for them to continue their connection in the Department. We have urged them to hold their charter as long as they have a single member. In many instances the people of the town have interested themselves to help the Post to hold together, and on Memorial Day they have assisted the members in decorating the graves of their Comrades.

My endeavor has been to keep our Order constantly before the public, because I believe they are in sympathy with us.

I have urged by General Orders and otherwise to have Posts send notices of meetings and gatherings of interest to the press or to Department Headquarters, in order that Comrades all over the Department might be in close touch with what is going on. If Commanders

and Adjutants would interest themselves in the matter, this could be done. We need this close bond of kindred interests all the more now that our ranks are thinning so rapidly.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

It has been of great pleasure to me during the past year to participate in many social gatherings of the Order. I believe it will be of great benefit to our organization if we can get into closer relation with the people of our communities. Let us invite them into our gatherings, and give them the impression that we are interested in them, as well as that we want them interested in us. Make the Grand Army and the allied organizations a power in the city or town in which we live. I most heartily encourage the formation of a body of representative citizens called "Associates." Though they pay associate dues, they are not admitted into our Post meetings, nor do they have a vote or voice in the management of our affairs, yet they are always welcome guests at all our social gatherings, and are always one with us in fellowship.

INSPECTIONS.

While the inspections of themselves are not of so much importance, they are the means of bringing together in closer fraternal relationship the Comrades of the local Post and visiting Comrades of neighboring Posts, and these gatherings ought to be continued. It has been found at Headquarters somewhat difficult to secure Comrades who are able to assume the duties of an Inspector, because of age and physical condition. I would suggest that Posts recommend to the Department Inspector the names of Comrades who are able and willing to serve, and who would be agreeable to the Posts, thus increasing the efficiency of the Department.

CAMP FIRES.

I am very much in favor of frequent visits of one Post to another, to affiliate in friendly intercourse with those of kindred interests whose latchstrings are upon the outside.

Of late years these visits are not so frequent as they ought to be, and I very much wish they might be revived. Let us, Comrades, keep our spirits young within us, even if we know we are growing old. It does us good to get together, recall old times, forget our troubles, if we have any, and revel in our stirring memories. Besides we must keep the light burning, if we are to pass on the torch to coming generations.

COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

The County Associations, into which eventually our Posts will be merged, meet with my heartiest endorsement. Nearly all the County organizations in the State now meet quarterly, and are the means of creating greater interest in our Order and those allied with us. The Department officers can in this way come into closer touch with the Comrades. The time has come when it is impossible for the Department officers to visit all the Posts or accept all invitations, and it ought not to be expected, for the strain is too much for men of our age and condition; but the same end can be attained through the agency of these County Associations. Hence this method, besides being delightful socially, stands for efficiency.

POSTS' FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARIES.

I have felt honored to have a part in the observance of the golden anniversaries of many Posts. It is remarkable that so many have been able to continue their organization for a half century or more, when one considers how many of the Comrades have advanced to a ripe old age. In nearly every case where there was a Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters and Auxiliary of Veterans connected with the Post, they have assisted in the celebration, together with the representative people of the city or town; and nearly all the Posts have received from their friends gold coin and other presents in remembrance of the occasion. These pleasant and interesting gatherings have been fitting testimonials to the service and value of these Posts in their several communities.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations was held in the city of Boston during the week of August 19 to 25, and received a hearty and enthusiastic greeting from all the citizens of the Commonwealth. It was a proud occasion for us in Massachusetts to have as guests Comrades from all over the country, and we had looked forward with pleasantest anticipation to being their hosts again after an interval of thirteen years. An Executive Committee arranged the details of a very successful Encampment. The city was beautifully decorated with Old Glory, and the parks were gay with beds of flowers emblematic of the different allied bodies.

The unofficial camp fire was held in Mechanics Building, and was presided over by the chairman of the General Committee, Ex-Governor John L. Bates. Prayer was offered by Assistant Adjutant-General Philip A. Nordell. In the absence of His Excellency Governor Samuel W. McCall, the Commonwealth was represented by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Calvin Coolidge. His Honor Mayor James M. Curley welcomed the Comrades in behalf of the city of Boston, Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, greeted the visitors in behalf of the Department, and Commander-in-Chief W. J. Patterson spoke for the Order. Responses were made by the representative heads of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of Veterans. Past Commanders-in-Chief James Tanner and John E. Gilman, and O. A. Somers who later was elected Commander-in-Chief for the incoming term, also gave addresses.

Receptions were held at the Vendome for Commander-in-Chief Patterson and National President Mrs. Martin of the W. R. C. There were also gatherings at the different headquarters for the representative heads of the various allied bodies.

On Wednesday evening a camp fire was held in Mechanics Building. Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Gilman was to have presided, but that day he met with a painful accident and was unable to be present, and at the eleventh hour the Department Commander took his place. The addresses were by Commander-in-Chief Patterson and other prominent Comrades. The "Olin Gang" were present and sang patriotic songs. The Lotus Quartet also added to the occasion. The trooping of flags under the direction of Past Department Commander J. Payson Bradley was an interesting feature, the color bearers marching down the center aisle of the hall to the platform, to strains of inspiring music from Teel's band.

A camp fire was held in Faneuil Hall, presided over by Past Department Commander John M. Woods. Addresses were made by His Excellency Governor Samuel W. McCall, His Honor Mayor James M. Curley and many distinguished visiting Comrades.

The parade of the veterans, always the great public feature of the Encampment, was an inspiring sight. No more dramatic or appealing spectacle has been witnessed in the last half century. The Department of Massachusetts received many compliments for its splendid appearance, the neat uniforms being especially noted for the single decoration of the Grand Army badge. The Sons of Veterans per-

formed escort duty, the grouping of all their colors at the head of the line attracted great attention, and was an imposing feature. The Boy Scouts performed their work well in assisting Comrades, and their courteous attentions were much appreciated. The Department Commander was honored by the escort of Post 10 of Worcester, his home Post, to whom he desires to express his thanks for courtesies extended to him and to his staff.

The Encampment was held in Symphony Hall, and was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Patterson. The Department of Massachusetts, through its Commander, presented to the Commander-in-Chief a gavel made from a piece of the old frigate Constitution, "Old Ironsides," in behalf of the Kearsarge Veterans. Massachusetts was represented in the Encampment by a full delegation.

The Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts furnished a most excellent dinner to the delegates on each of the two days of the session, and to this ever helpful organization we extend our hearty thanks for this courtesy and others which helped to give pleasure to our guests. The delegates were taken by autos to Concord, Lexington and Cambridge, over ground where history was made in other stirring days, and where so many places still teem with the living spirit of those other patriots. Few States have more glorious traditions to hand down to coming generations than has Massachusetts.

Another event of interest especially to our inland friends was the sail down the harbor past the historic forts to Nantasket. Many of our guests had never even seen the ocean before, and had never before eaten one of New England's famous clam dinners.

Heartiest thanks are due to the Executive Committee, through whose constant and faithful work everything possible was done to make our delegates carry home with them pleasant memories of the National Encampment held in Massachusetts in 1917.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

The office of Patriotic Instructor in the Post is to my mind one of the most important, and yet in some Posts none are appointed by the Commander, and in some instances where one is appointed the officer is not enthusiastic in his work. It is becoming clearly manifest that patriotic instruction is being recognized as one, if not the most important, phase of Grand Army work. We should not confine ourselves to our Post rooms, but keep the lessons of patriotism and sacrifice before the public. There was never a time in the history of our

country when all the people needed more to be reminded of their duty to themselves and to the principles represented by Old Glory.

We should endeavor to interest the children in our schools in Memorial Day, Flag Day and all national holidays. Give them a part in the ceremonies of the day. Teachers and pupils look forward each year with growing interest for these visits of veterans, to listen to stories of the war, for it always makes history a more vital thing to hear of it from the lips of those who made it. The flag should be a fixture in every schoolroom, as well as floating over the building. This is an age of rapid transition, and the Grand Army must keep up with the procession or be left in the rear. Let its voice be heard and heeded, and its influence for good felt throughout the length and breadth of this nation.

FLAG DAY.

On the 14th of June each year we celebrate the birthday of our country's flag. Though over one hundred and forty years have passed since the first strictly American flag decreed by Congress was designed and made by Betsy Ross at her home in Philadelphia, yet to-day the colors are as bright and the meaning as noble as then. Always has it stood for liberty and equality, and well does history show the results of these high ideals. To-day on the other side of the world Old Glory is going "over the top" that democracy may be made safe for all mankind.

Perhaps our young people, who have seen until now the flag float over a land of peace and plenty, did not appreciate at what sacrifice and bloodshed those blessings have been secured. But now they, too, afire with the same divine spark of patriotism, are giving their lives that that flag may still float unsullied. To them, as to us of '61, and to all who have ever fought under its folds, the red means courage to do the right, the white stands for the truth of their standard and the nobility of their cause, and the blue stands for the loyalty of its purpose, its sincerity and justice; while the stars stand for lofty ideals and the recognition of "whence cometh our help." No generation owns the flag, each is steward only that the flag with all it means may be cherished and guarded and passed on from father to son. Such is the lesson of Flag Day, and never can we learn it too well.

IN MEMORIAM.

Daniel H. L. Gleason.

While the Encampment was in session one year ago we were informed of the death of Past Department Commander Daniel H. L. Gleason, and although he died two days before my election as Department Commander, and resolutions were adopted on his death by the Encampment, I wish to go on record as expressing my great sorrow at the death of my personal friend and Comrade. I owe to him in a great measure my present position as Department Commander, for he was among the first of the Comrades to urge my candidacy in the Department. Comrade Gleason was beloved by all who knew him, his happy disposition, his cheery smile and his pleasant word are very much missed by us all. His funeral was attended by the Department Officers at Natick.

Ephraim B. Stillings.

Again we are reminded of the uncertainties of life. Another Comrade who was well known to us all has passed on to the other shore. Comrade Stillings was one who made many friends, and was always ready to assist his associates in every way,—a genial, whole-souled Comrade. He served Post 113 as Commander, was later made Adjutant-General of the National Encampment, and afterwards was appointed Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to fill a vacancy. He was for a long term of years a trustee of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea. Having served so prominently in these positions, he was well known to the Comrades all over the country, and will be greatly missed at future encampments. He was a member of the 46th Massachusetts Regiment and re-enlisted in the 2d Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. His funeral was largely attended by his many friends and Comrades, and the burial was at Forest Hills Cemetery.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

By common consent the Sunday preceding Decoration Day has become generally known as Memorial Sunday, in loving remembrance of those who once stood shoulder to shoulder with us in the days of conflict, but who have now been summoned to the Grand Encampment above. It will have a significant and solemn meaning in these days of strife, that those who fight for their country are ever lovingly remembered.

The service of the day might be made more impressive and solemn by the decoration of the vacant chair for every Comrade who has passed away during the preceding twelve months, together with a short personal history of each. Have the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, or friends or Comrades of the deceased, assist by placing upon the vacant chair a floral tribute and flag, taps being sounded on the cornet or drum at the close.

There are Posts in this Department who have this beautiful service, "In Memoriam," and I can testify that it is most impressive.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The Grand Army of the Republic stands pre-eminent in its observance of this day of memory. This custom grows more beautiful year by year. We should give our Memorial Day such impress and significance that it will characterize it even after we are gone, and the spirit of remembering our country's defenders will pass on to succeeding generations. With each Memorial Day we become conscious that the ravages of time are reducing our ranks, impairing our vitality, and weakening our once acute senses, but as each Comrade falls we close up our ranks and stand all the closer together, gaining strength from each other. This thirtieth day of May ought to be a sacred day, and we ought all, by our protests and by our own actions, deplore its use for games and sports.

ARMY NURSES.

This band of noble women, who faced disease in the hospital and shot on the battlefield, we ever hold in grateful memory. To-day they are few in numbers, but their record will never be dimmed. They hold the highest place in our affections and respect. We can never forget their tender ministrations in hours of pain, nor their sympathy and kindly understanding in the weary days of convalescence and loneliness. We regard them always as real Comrades who fought a good fight with us, and we remember them always with pride and gratitude.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Our only auxiliary has continued to sustain its proud record of the past, standing supreme among all the organizations of our country, and I believe of all other lands, for patriotic and charitable work. I most heartily commend the Massachusetts Department, the "Mother



MRS. S. ANNA STARKWEATHER
Department President, Woman's Relief Corps

Department" of the Order, as an organization whose only aim is to co-operate with us in the noble work we are to-day accomplishing in carrying sunshine and gladness into many a desolate home, and comfort and sympathy into many a sad and lonely one. It has ever been the strong right arm of the Grand Army in advancing our patriotic ideals, besides doing its own womanly deeds of practical happiness. During the past year the Department has performed a splendid work in connection with the Red Cross movement, assisting our sons and grandsons and others who are to-day fighting for this country and for humanity.

Many times during my term it has been my pleasure to meet officially Department President Mrs. S. Anna Starkweather in the visitations to Posts and Corps and at other functions. I wish to express to her my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses and courtesies received at her hands. Under her splendid leadership the Department has maintained its excellent standing and efficiency.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

This organization stands close to the Grand Army by reason of kinship. They proclaim to the world that this free Republic was saved by those of their own blood, many of whom gave their lives that the country might live.

It is with this memory and this appreciation of loyal service performed that these ladies do their work of mercy and good cheer. Their mission, similar to that of the Woman's Relief Corps, is to care for the needy Comrades and their dependent families, and they should receive the commendation and support of all Comrades. They are doing excellent work in teaching the lessons of loyalty throughout the country. Under the leadership of Mrs. E. F. Veasey, Department President, the Order has prospered, and is upon a firm foundation.

SONS OF VETERANS.

As I have met the Sons in the Camps and elsewhere, I have been greatly impressed that we ought to get closer to the "Boys," endeavor to encourage them in the belief that the Comrades of the Grand Army are in sympathy with them, and that we look to them to "carry on." We have transmitted to them the patriotic blood that flows in our veins, and I believe they prize this more highly than any decoration we could give them. We look to them "to keep green the memories of the fathers," and to inculcate patriotism among the people of our

land. We have not needed them so much in the past perhaps, but as time goes on we lean more heavily upon them. We are glad to have the Sons take up our work, and we appreciate their many kindnesses to us, for which we extend our heartfelt thanks. We congratulate the Order that so many of its members are to-day serving their country "somewhere in France," upholding democracy against autocracy. This has crippled its numbers, but strengthened its spirit, for they are now being actors in the stirring drama instead of spectators. They will pass on to their sons the same good heritage we gave to them.

The Division Commander, Dr. Ernest W. Homan, has not been able to give as much time and attention to the work of building up the Division as he would have liked because of his illness, but in spite of this handicap he has accomplished much because of his personality and his great interest in advancing the Order.

SONS OF VETERANS' AUXILIARY.

The Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary does for the Sons, just what the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Veterans aim to do for the Grand Army. The Comrades appreciate all the kindly and thoughtful things which this younger generation does for them. Mrs. Mabelle M. Ham, President of the Division Auxiliary, has ever been an earnest worker for the advancement of the Order, and has succeeded in creating a healthy growth.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

This is the youngest of our allied bodies. As fathers we have the same pride in our daughters as in our sons, and we glory in the enthusiasm and strength of their youth. When we grow weary, we know they are ever near to hold up our hands. We have set their feet in the path of loyalty, and they will never depart from it. Their minds are filled with kindly thoughts and helpful deeds for us as we walk in the lengthening shadows, and when we rest they are there with the flowers of remembrance. It has been my pleasure to meet Mrs. Mabel H. Fuller, Department President, at many of the official gatherings, and I have always received from her and her staff of officers loyal support, for which I desire to express appreciation for myself and the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic.

SOLDIERS' HOME, CHELSEA.

The Home upon Powder Horn Hill was never in better condition than it is to-day, under the efficient management of Past Department Commander Eli W. Hall, president of the Board of Trustees, and of Commandant Richard R. Foster.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been very generous in its appropriation toward the support of the Home, and the United States government has also contributed liberally. Entertainments are furnished by the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies Aid Society, and the allied bodies. The Home ranks among the best of the country, and is deserving of the moral and material support of every Comrade. The members of this large family are enjoying all the comforts of a home, fairly earned by their service to their country; and when misfortune assails them, or friends forsake them, they know that always this one door is open to them.

The Department Commander has been honored by the appointment as a State trustee by five Governors of the Commonwealth, each for a term of three years, and by such long service he is able to speak for the Home as one of the best institutions in the State.

At a recent meeting of the Trustees he was elected a life member of the Board.

PENSIONS.

By an act of Congress recently passed, the government has again increased the pensions of soldiers' widows from \$12 a month to \$25 a month, regardless of age or length of marriage if prior to June 27, 1905. I feel sure that our Comrades are pleased to see our friends in their loneliness so well provided for, and it is a great satisfaction to us all to know that when we are mustered out our wives will never want.

In the present Congress there are pension bills now pending for veterans of the Civil War, raising the amount according to length of service.

RED CROSS.

It would not be seemly to fail to register our support to this noble organization, which is doing such splendid work in caring for the sick and wounded in this great "World War." All our auxiliaries have formed many branches of this Order. Their members are devoting much time in preparation of dressings and supplies, just as those who

loved us did in '61. The Comrades all over the Department have offered generous financial support.

Massachusetts feels a special pride that the American Red Cross was founded by a daughter of this State, Miss Clara Barton, through whose efforts and initiative the Geneva treaty of the Red Cross was adopted by the government of the United States. She fought her good fight against sickness and wounds in hospital and battlefield, taking the same chances as a soldier in the front line, and many a Comrade has to thank her and her nurses for being alive to-day. Though she is no longer with us, her spirit still lives in the Red Cross, and her deeds of mercy and womanly tenderness are being enacted over again by the same type of noble womanhood in every hospital and on every battlefield of bloodstained Europe.

The most we can do for the Red Cross seems all too little in comparison with what the Red Cross does for our boys.

AMENDMENT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS.

At the Forty-fifth National Encampment, at Rochester, N. Y., the Department of Massachusetts introduced the following resolution to amend Article XII., chapter V., of the Rules and Regulations, which was adopted by the Encampment:—

Requests for monetary assistance by any Post, or for any general proposition from any source, to Posts of the same Department, shall be made only after application to and permission in writing received from the Department Commander; and application for assistance to Posts outside of a Department shall have the approval first of the Department Commander, and then of the Commander-in-Chief. In each case, a statement must be made of the circumstances which lead to its application.

As the Department of Massachusetts is the author of this amendment, it seems fitting that the Department of Massachusetts should observe it, which has not always been the case.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The retiring Department Commander begs leave to recommend—

(1) That the incoming Department Commander appoint a Conference Committee of three to meet a like committee of the representatives of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of Veterans and Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary on all matters

pertaining to the interests of the several orders, and thereby create a stronger relationship with each other.

(2) That the sum of \$1,200 be appropriated for the salary of the Assistant Adjutant-General, and the sum of \$800 for the salary of the Headquarters Clerk.

(3) That \$500 be appropriated to defray the traveling expenses of the Department Commander, and such other officers as he may detail to attend all functions where the Department should be represented.

(4) That a sufficient sum be appropriated to maintain Department Headquarters and to defray the expenses of the Department Commander and the Assistant Adjutant-General at the National Encampment.

CONCLUSION.

Comrades, when I accepted this position as your Department Commander, I was deeply sensible of the high honor conferred, and I promised that I would endeavor to maintain the high standard of my predecessors. This ideal has been very near to my heart, and I have striven to attain it, however far short of it I may have fallen. Now at the close of this Encampment, as I lay down the gavel, I shall again take my place in the ranks, and labor as before to promote and advance our Order.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

MANCHESTER, MASS., March 1, 1918.

To PHILIP A. NORDELL, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

SIR:—I hereby submit my report of service for the year.

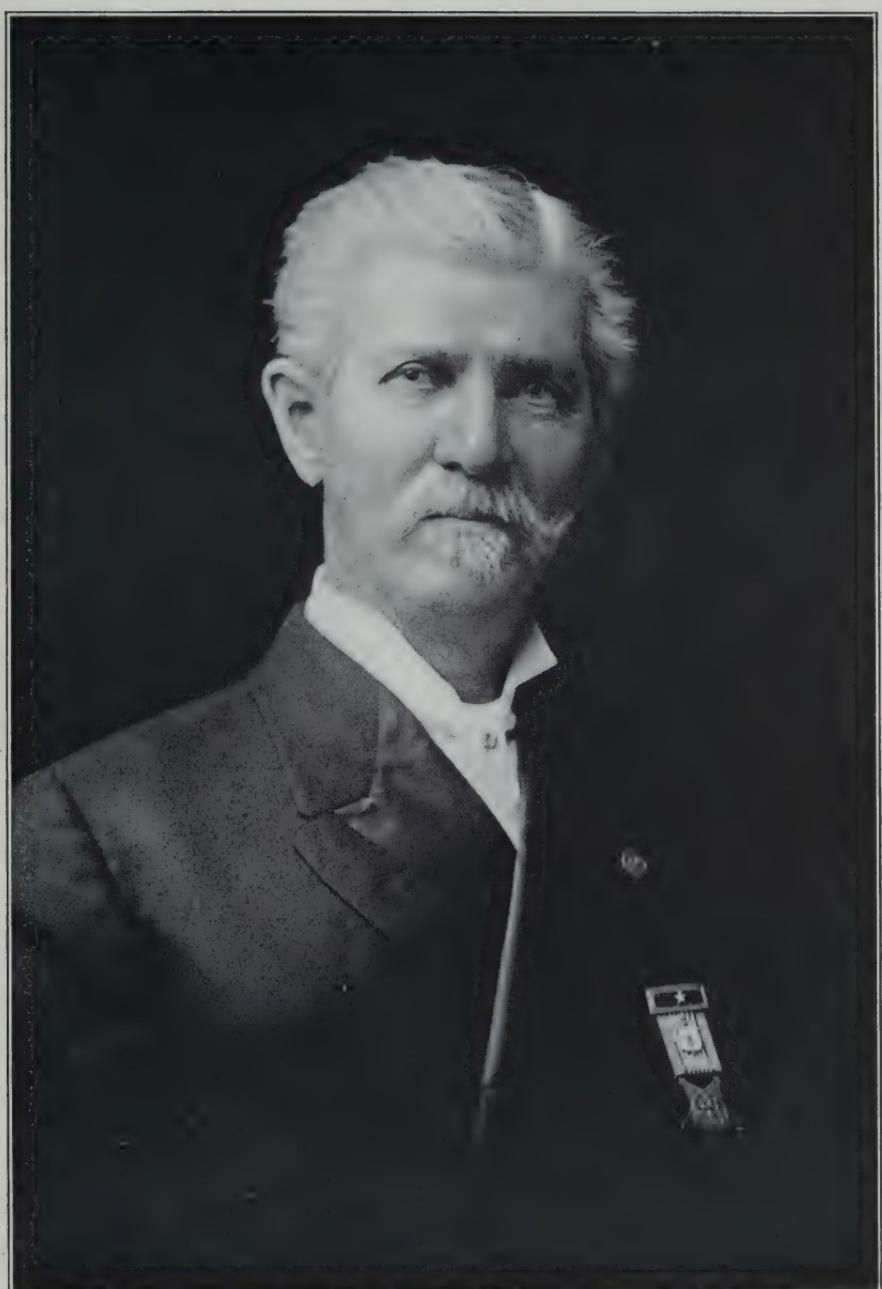
I wish to thank the Comrades for the honor conferred upon me the second time. I have endeavored to perform the duties entailed upon the office as Department Senior Vice-Commander, and to assist the Department in every way within my power. I have visited many Posts, Relief Corps, Sons and Daughters of Veterans, and County Conventions, to which I have been invited, attended all council meetings, Flag Day exercises, and other holiday meetings, visited schools previous to Memorial Day, and extended the greetings of the Department, attended reception to Department Commander, and Relief Corps Headquarters, also Soldiers' Home.

I attended meetings of the Committee of Arrangements for the National Encampment, and in the great Parade was proud of the honor of heading the First Division of the Department of Massachusetts. The hearty receptions extended to me at different functions have been a great pleasure to me and fully appreciated.

I wish to thank the Department Commander and his official staff for courtesies extended to me, and all Comrades for their fraternal friendship.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,

EDWIN P. STANLEY,
Department Senior Vice-Commander.



EDWIN P. STANLEY
Senior Vice Department Commander



GEORGE W. WILDER
Junior Vice Department Commander

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

BOSTON, Feb. 26, 1918.

PHILIP A. NORDELL, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

COMRADE:—For the term now closing I respectfully submit the following report of services rendered as Junior Vice-Commander of the Department of Massachusetts. This office, which was conferred upon me by our last Encampment, is one which I highly appreciate, and for which I thank my Comrades. Notwithstanding the gravity of these times, which have sorely tried our souls, mine has been a labor of love, an experience of delight.

I have attended more than fifty special functions, viz., anniversaries of Posts and of Woman's Relief Corps; meetings of Sons and Daughters of Veterans; camp fires; receptions to Mrs. S. Anna Starkweather, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, to Mrs. Mabelle M. Ham, Department President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, and to Mrs. Mabel Homer Fuller, Department President of the Daughters of Veterans; inspections of Posts and installations of Post Officers; meetings of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and of the Council of Administration. It was also my privilege as a member of the Executive Committee for the Boston National Encampment to attend its sessions. I have attended, likewise, the meetings of the Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Building Committee.

To the Department Commander and to the other Department officers I tender my thanks for kindness received.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

GEORGE W. WILDER,
Department Junior Vice-Commander.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

FALL RIVER, MASS., Feb. 28, 1918.

PHILIP A. NORDELL, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

DEAR COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit my report as Medical Director of this Department.

I have attended Post and county association meetings, have performed work at installations, and have done whatever I could, as opportunity offered, to enhance the interest of our beloved Order.

My professional duties have been very light, having had only one consultation at Department Headquarters in matters pertaining to health, so that I think the office of Medical Director is a sinecure when we consider the amount of salary connected with it.

I wish to thank the Comrades for the honor of having served the Department in this position another year.

In F., C. and L.,

JOHN GILBERT, M.D.,
Medical Director.



SETH M. HALL
Department Chaplain



JOHN GILBERT, M.D.
Medical Director

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

BROCKTON, Feb. 26, 1918.

PHILIP A. NORDELL, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

DEAR COMRADE: — I have the honor to submit the following as my report.

I have had the privilege of attending two County Conventions and of visiting three camps of Sons of Veterans. I have also visited Relief Corps three times, and tents of Daughters of Veterans twice.

I have installed the officers of Post 205 at Bridgewater, with a goodly number present.

I have inspected Post 212 of East Bridgewater, and also Post 3 of Taunton.

I have officiated at eight funerals of Comrades.

I have had the honor of making the presentation at the golden wedding of Comrade Marcus Holmes of Post 13, G. A. R.

By request I have spoken at eight flag raisings in the shops of Brockton.

I have attended Memorial Exercises in three grammar schools of Brockton, and the high, grammar and primary schools of North Easton.

I have been called upon to give patriotic addresses at the following places: Arlington Heights; South Congregational Church, Campello; Danvers; Pearl Street Church, Brockton; North Raynham; and East Raynham.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

SETH M. HALL,
Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

BOSTON, March 1, 1918.

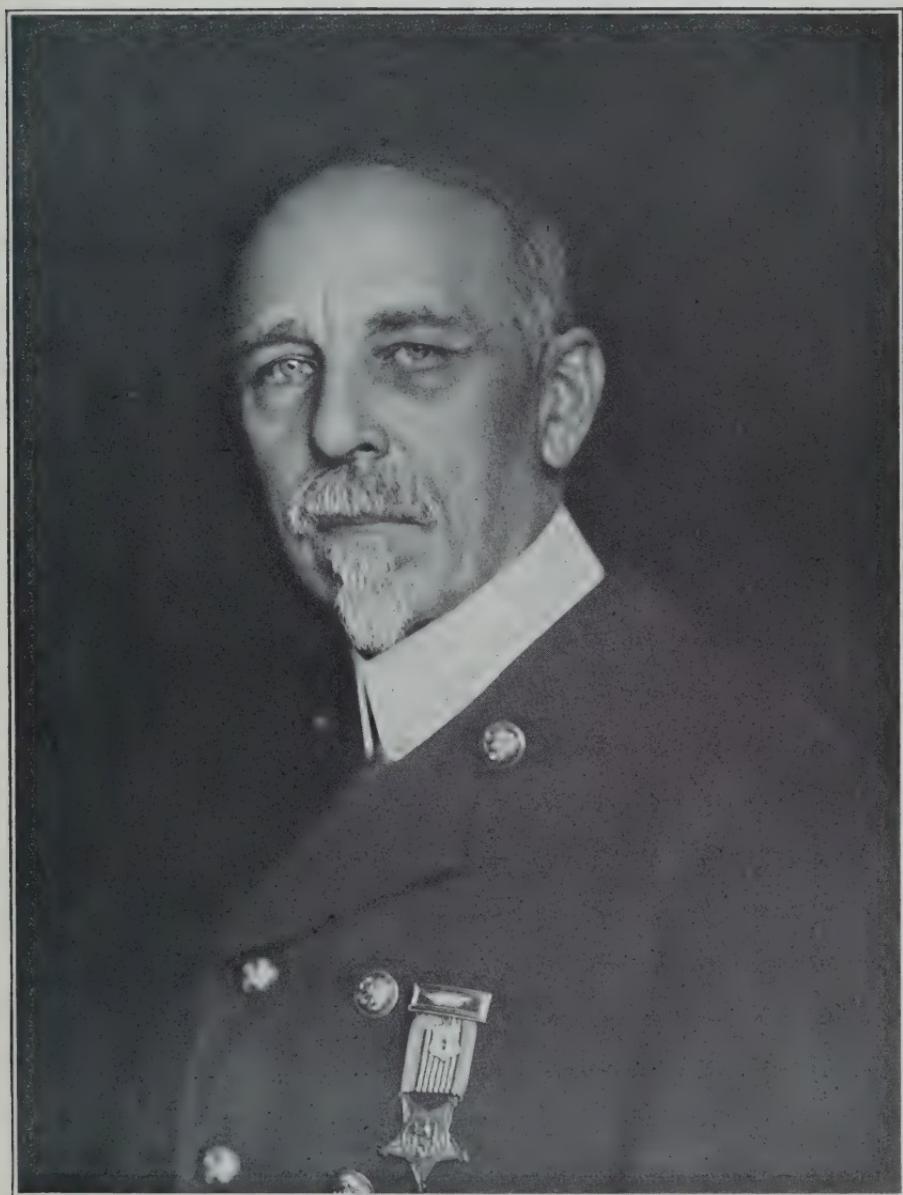
DANIEL E. DENNY, *Department Commander.*

COMRADE:— I have the honor to render my report as Assistant Adjutant-General for the year ending Feb. 28, 1918. The following table shows the membership of the Department Dec. 31, 1917:—

Number of Posts,	200
Number of Comrades in good standing Dec. 31, 1916,	8,243
Number of Comrades gained by muster,	57
Number of Comrades gained by transfer,	53
Number of Comrades gained by reinstatement,	33
Number of Comrades gained by delinquent reports,	49
Total gain,	<u>192</u>
Aggregate,	8,435
Number of Comrades lost by death,	813
Number of Comrades lost by honorable discharge,	30
Number of Comrades lost by transfer,	36
Number of Comrades lost by suspension,	53
Number of Comrades lost by delinquent reports,	38
Total loss,	<u>952</u>
Number remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1917,	7,483
Net loss,	760
There has been reported expended in relief,	\$12,440.33
Number of members and families relieved,	244
Number not members,	51

The total number lost by death in 1917 was 813, only four more than in 1916. This number, singularly enough, tallies exactly with the average annual number of deaths in the Department since 1906.

Two Posts have surrendered their charters, namely, No. 183 at South Hadley Falls and No. 201 at Oak Bluffs. The situation in each case was such as to make such action unavoidable.



PHILIP A. NORDELL
Assistant Adjutant-General

Diligent efforts have been made to obtain reports from all the Posts in the Department. All but two have been heard from. Regrettably these have had to be reported as delinquent. Several other Posts, much smaller than these, are still retaining their charters, even when too weak to muster a quorum for the re-election of their officers. The time is not far off when a considerable number of Posts will find it inexpedient even under such conditions to retain their charters.

The statement respecting the amount expended for relief in the Department has little value, as less than half of the Posts have taken the trouble to report.

According to the Rules and Regulations, chapter IV., Article II., section 1, the Department is entitled to one representative at large in the National Encampment, "and to one representative for every three hundred members in good standing, and one additional representative for a final fraction of more than one-half that number." This rule gives the Department twenty-five representatives in the next National Encampment, besides the representative at large. A corresponding number of alternates will also be elected by our Encampment. In accordance with the rule adopted by the Encampment in 1898 the Department is divided into nine districts, as shown by the following table. Representatives are apportioned to each of these according to membership.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICTS, AND OF THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT TO WHICH EACH DISTRICT IS ENTITLED IN 1918.

	COUNTIES.	Members.	Representatives.
District No. 1,	Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket,	82 513 12 13 } 620	2
District No. 2,	Plymouth,	536	2
District No. 3,	Norfolk,	473	2
District No. 4,	Suffolk,	1,059	4
District No. 5,	Essex,	1,313	4
District No. 6,	Middlesex,	1,408	5
District No. 7,	Worcester,	1,150	3
District No. 8,	Hampden,	392	1
District No. 9,	Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire,	191 130 211 } 532	2
		7,483	25

The following table shows the membership by counties in detail:—

TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES.

Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Members.	Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Members.
	<i>Barnstable County.</i>			<i>Franklin County.</i>	
55	Provincetown,	7	17	Orange,	31
132	Sandwich,	15	20	Colrain,	—
141	South Chatham,	17	93	Shelburne Falls,	24
203	Bourne,	14	164	Conway,	8
204	Centerville,	16	171	Northfield,	11
206	Falmouth,	7	174	Greenfield,	56
213	Hyannis,	6			
	Total (7 Posts),	82		Total (6 Posts),	130
	<i>Berkshire County.</i>			<i>Hampden County.</i>	
79	North Adams,	63	16	Springfield,	239
125	Pittsfield,	51	41	Westfield,	58
126	Adams,	23	71	Holyoke,	57
196	Great Barrington,	—	103	Chicopee,	11
197	Pittsfield,	32	107	Palmer,	8
209	Williamstown,	22	155	Monson,	19
	Total (6 Posts),	191		Total (6 Posts),	392
	<i>Bristol County.</i>			<i>Hampshire County.</i>	
1	New Bedford,	81	85	Ware,	25
3	Taunton,	101	86	Northampton,	76
46	Fall River,	106	97	Belchertown,	14
52	Eastondale,	17	147	Amherst,	37
145	Attleboro,	58	166	Easthampton,	16
170	Mansfield,	23	176	Huntington,	17
182	Somerset,	13	183	South Hadley Falls,	13
190	New Bedford,	92	198	Plainfield,	8
192	North Attleborough,	22	211	Enfield,	5
	Total (9 Posts),	513		Total (9 Posts),	211
	<i>Dukes County.</i>			<i>Middlesex County.</i>	
201	Oak Bluffs,	12	4	Melrose,	62
	Total (1 Post),	12	6	Holliston,	12
	<i>Essex County.</i>		9	Hudson,	37
5	Lynn,	310	12	Wakefield,	50
34	Salem,	139	14	Hopkinton,	24
39	Lawrence,	80	18	Ashland,	12
45	Gloucester,	41	29	Waltham,	58
47	Haverhill,	150	30	Cambridge,	65
49	Newburyport,	73	33	Woburn,	7
50	Peabody,	49	36	Arlington,	44
67	Manchester,	18	40	Malden,	74
82	Marblehead,	55	42	Lowell,	34
89	Beverly,	78	43	Marlborough,	39
90	Danvers,	51	48	Ayer,	34
95	Saugus,	20	56	Cambridge,	39
99	Andover,	21	57	East Cambridge,	18
100	Methuen,	10	62	Newtonville,	82
101	Groveland,	14	63	Natick,	40
106	Rockport,	—	66	Medford,	62
108	Georgetown,	20	75	Stoneham,	45
114	Merrimac,	17	81	Watertown,	20
118	Swampscott,	27	115	Groton,	8
122	Amesbury,	29	119	Lexington,	15
128	Ipswich,	34	120	Lowell,	61
146	Lawrence,	49	138	West Acton,	35
151	West Newbury,	4	139	Somerville,	103
152	Essex,	8	142	Saxonville,	14
188	Beverly Farms,	10	148	Winchester,	12
	Total (25 Posts),	1,313	156	Everett,	44
			161	Woburn,	30
			163	Framingham,	38
			180	Concord,	18
			185	Lowell,	83

TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES — *Concluded.*

Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Members.	Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Members.
186	<i>Middlesex County</i> — Con. Cambridge,	37	21	<i>Suffolk County</i> — Con. Boston,	15
194	Reading,	41	23	East Boston,	41
195	East Pepperell,	10	26	Roxbury,	101
	Total (36 Posts),	1,408	32	South Boston,	24
207	<i>Nantucket County.</i> Nantucket,	13	35	Chelsea,	192
	Total (1 Post),	13	68	Dorchester,	89
	<i>Norfolk County.</i>		92	Brighton,	35
58	East Weymouth,	69	113	Boston,	78
60	Franklin,	28	121	Hyde Park,	40
72	Stoughton,	60	134	Boston,	26
87	South Braintree,	28	149	Charlestown,	19
88	Quincy,	47	159	East Boston,	17
91	Foxborough,	19	191	Boston,	63
94	Canton,	24	199	Revere,	19
98	Cohasset,	10	200	Jamaica Plain,	29
102	Milton,	17		Total (19 Posts),	1,059
110	Randolph,	27	10	<i>Worcester County.</i>	
117	Medfield,	9	19	Worcester,	350
130	West Medway,	16	22	Fitchburg,	90
133	Plainville,	14	24	Milford,	52
143	Brookline,	29	25	Grafton,	18
144	Dedham,	28	27	Uxbridge,	7
157	Walpole,	11	28	Oxford,	14
169	Norwood,	22	37	West Boylston,	8
181	Needham,	5	38	Spencer,	37
193	Avon,	10	44	Brookfield,	12
	Total (19 Posts),	473	51	Southborough,	14
	<i>Plymouth County.</i>		53	North Brookfield,	24
8	Middleborough,	46	54	Leominster,	46
13	Brockton,	124	59	Berlin,	10
31	Scituate,	18	61	Sterling,	5
73	Abington,	28	64	Webster,	25
74	Rockland,	55	69	Clinton,	29
76	Plymouth,	34	70	Westminster,	16
78	Whitman,	54	77	Millbury,	13
83	Hanover,	15	80	Holden,	8
104	Hingham,	23	96	Westborough,	39
111	Pembroke,	15	105	Northborough,	14
112	Norwell,	16	109	Upton,	10
127	Hanson,	13	116	East Templeton,	19
154	Kingston,	17	123	Gardner,	48
165	Duxbury,	21	129	Athol Center,	39
189	Marshfield Hills,	19	131	Blackstone,	10
205	Bridgewater,	13	135	Leicester,	15
208	Wareham,	17	136	Shrewsbury,	6
212	East Bridgewater,	8	137	Rutland,	9
	Total (18 Posts),	536	140	East Douglas,	8
	<i>Suffolk County.</i>		153	Athol,	19
2	South Boston,	62	160	Winchendon,	16
7	Boston,	90	167	West Brookfield,	13
11	Charlestown,	76	168	Whitinsville,	12
15	Boston,	130	172	Southbridge,	26
			173	Bolton,	5
			175	Sturbridge,	17
			179	Lancaster,	7
			184	Barre,	21
				Ashburnham,	11
				Total (39 Posts),	1,150

Aside from routine work the Headquarters have been the center of much activity during the past year. During the first six months all the sessions of the Executive Committee, charged with preparations

for the National Encampment last August, were held here. The use of the rooms for numerous committee meetings has also been freely granted to the Daughters of Veterans and other allied organizations that have no headquarters of their own.

Owing to increasing physical disability Comrade Israel H. De Wolf relinquished his duties as Headquarters Clerk last January. During his nine years of service he has shown himself a loyal Comrade of the Grand Army, courteous alike to friends and to strangers, and faithful to his duties as far as his strength permitted. It was easy to work with him, for he had a kind heart and the instincts of a gentleman. The sympathy and good wishes of his Comrades in the Department go with him in his retirement from active service.

Comrade Eben W. Pike has been appointed to fill the vacancy. His long connection with an important clerkship at the City Hall in Cambridge gives him rare qualifications for the new task. Those who know him best are foremost in congratulating the Department on having secured his services.

The constant widening out of my circle of acquaintances in the Department renders every opportunity of meeting my Comrades the more pleasant. The kindly greetings received and the good will manifested on every hand have been greatly appreciated.

To the Department Commander I am grateful for reappointment to an office which, notwithstanding its burdens and responsibilities, has been very pleasant, and which has brought numerous calls for patriotic service.

Finally, it is a privilege again to acknowledge the invaluable assistance received from my predecessor and good friend, Comrade Wilfred A. Wetherbee. Notwithstanding many calls upon his time he is never too busy to give immediate and ungrudging attention to the questions, new to me, that arise almost every day.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. NORDELL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.



EBEN W. PIKE
Headquarters Clerk
Appointed January 11, 1918



ISRAEL H. DEWOLF
Headquarters Clerk
April 6, 1911—January 11, 1918

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER- GENERAL.

BOSTON, March 1, 1918.

PHILIP A. NORDELL, Assistant Adjutant-General.

COMRADE: — I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the transactions of this office during the past year. The following tables, which are supported by vouchers, show all receipts and expenditures of funds which have come into my possession: —

1918.		INVESTED FUNDS.
March	1.	Cash on hand March 1, 1917, \$13,188 91
		Received interest, Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, 76 92
		Received interest, South Boston Savings Bank, 88 84
		Received interest, Home Savings Bank, 65 78
		Received interest, Warren Institution for Savings, 75 06
		Received interest, Provident Institution for Savings, 40 26
		Received interest, East Cambridge Savings Bank, 71 69
		Received from Woman's Relief Corps, 100 00
		\$13,707 46
		Expended for Liberty Bonds, 5,000 00
		\$8,707 46
		Transferred to general fund, 725 00
		\$7,982 46
		Balance in Savings Banks, 5,000 00
		Total, \$12,982 46

1918.		GENERAL FUND.
		<i>Receipts.</i>
March	1.	Cash on hand, March 1, 1917, \$1,082 22
		Dues, first term, 783 30
		Dues, second term, 748 30
		Interest, Fourth-Atlantic Bank, 9 42
		Sale of supplies, 259 68
		Transferred from invested fund, 725 00
		From all other sources, 222 92
		\$3,837 46
		Expenditures, 3,553 34
		Cash on hand March 1, 1918, 284 12
		Total cash on hand, \$13,266 58

1917.

Expenditures.

March.

Daniel E. Denny, traveling,	\$12 47
Francis E. Mole, traveling,	25 54
J. H. Newman & Sons, wreath for J. L. Parker,	3 00
Boston Regalia Company, gilt belt,	6 00
Alex. C. Morrill, printing supplies,	23 00
Israel H. De Wolf, salary for March,	50 00
Philip A. Nordell, salary for March,	83 33
Philip A. Nordell, traveling,	1 85
Philip A. Nordell, incidentals,	5 38
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	\$210 57

April.

Boston Regalia Company, supplies,	\$0 63
Boston Regalia Company, supplies,	11 50
Edward A. Hammond, 2,000 envelopes and printing,	7 50
Griffith-Stillings Press, General Order No. 8,	6 75
Augustus H. Hall, cigars,	20 51
Wright & Potter, 500 menu cards,	6 00
J. Newman & Sons, wreath for D. H. L. Gleason,	3 00
Bates Torrey, encampment stenographer,	60 00
Emerson & Co., signature stamp,	1 25
Boston Regalia Company, supplies,	16 00
Trustees, Baptist Social Union, use of Ford Hall,	50 00
Alex. C. Morrill, printing supplies,	6 50
Griffiths-Stillings Press, printing,	2 25
C. D. R. Stowits, supplies,	3 00
Israel H. De Wolf, salary for April,	66 66
Philip A. Nordell, salary for April,	100 00
Philip A. Nordell, traveling,	9 68
Philip A. Nordell, incidentals,	7 89
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	379 12

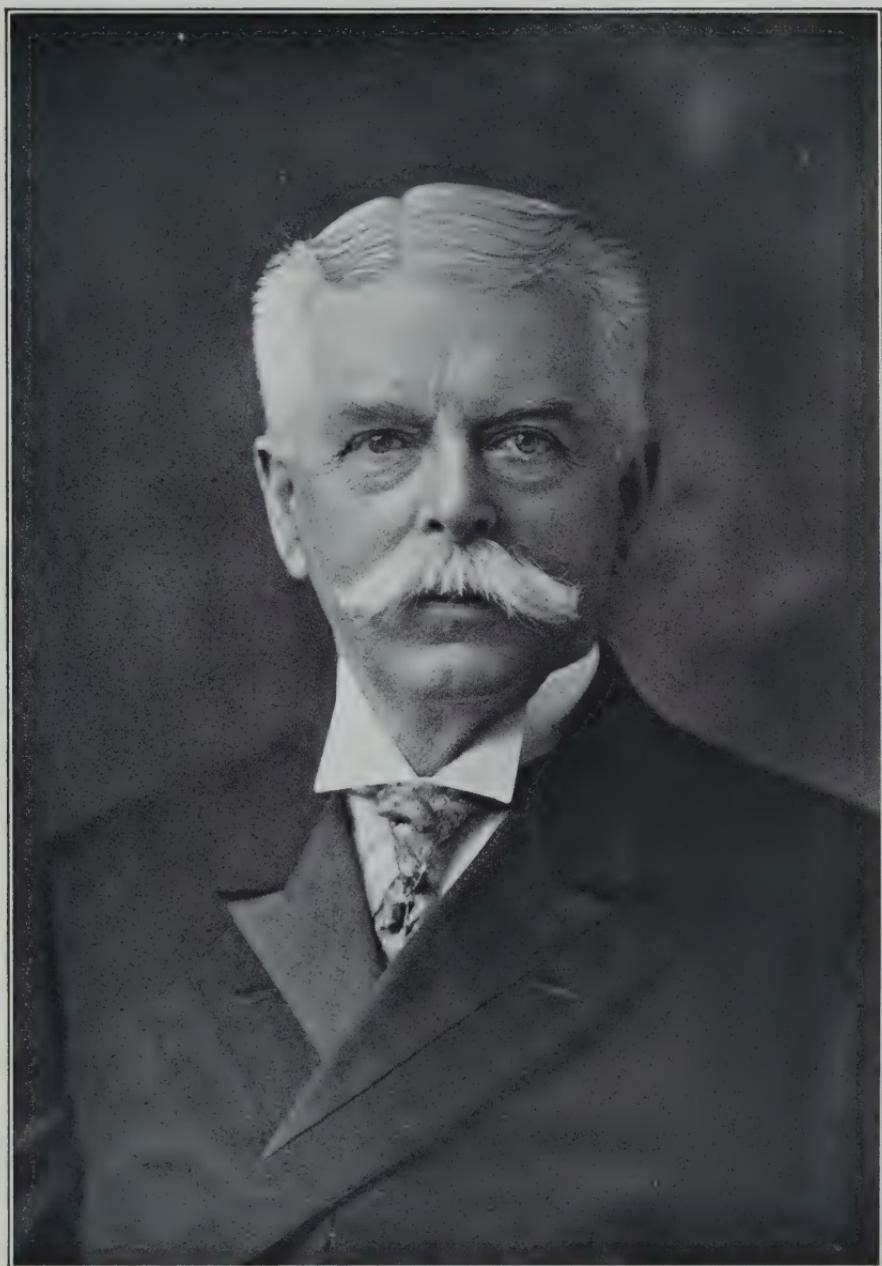
May.

C. D. R. Stowits, supplies,	\$3 00
Francis E. Mole, traveling,	38 54
Israel H. De Wolf, salary for May,	66 66
Philip A. Nordell, salary for May,	100 00
Philip A. Nordell, traveling,	1 00
Philip A. Nordell, incidentals,	1 30
Daniel E. Denny, traveling,	28 93
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	239 43

June.

C. D. R. Stowits, supplies,	\$45 75
Boston Regalia Company, supplies,	42 55
Alex. C. Morrill, printing,	84 70
J. R. Whipple Company, for Commander-in-Chief,	11 80
V. R. Blackington, supplies,	9 40
Griffith-Stillings Press, printing,	74 00
Israel H. De Wolf, salary for June,	66 66
Philip A. Nordell, salary for June,	100 00
Philip A. Nordell, incidentals,	3 31
Philip A. Nordell, traveling,	1 80
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	439 97

Amount carried forward, \$1,269 09



WILFRED A. WETHERBEE
Assistant Quartermaster-General
April, 1916—December, 1917

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,269 09
1917.			
July.	Daniel E. Denny, traveling,	\$19 23	
	Griffith-Stillings Press, printing,	13 25	
	Samson-Murdock Company, directory,	6 00	
	C. D. R. Stowits, per capita tax,	137 07	
	George W. Wilder, traveling,	1 30	
	Israel H. De Wolf, salary for July,	66 66	
	Philip A. Nordell, salary for July,	100 00	
	Griffith-Stillings Press, printing,	10 75	
	Philip A. Nordell, incidentals,	3 65	
		357 91	
August.	National Encampment Committee, 700 stamped envelopes,	\$14 00	
	E. P. Stanley, traveling, March to July,	10 20	
	Boston Regalia Company, supplies,	11 75	
	Daniel E. Denny, traveling,	18 94	
	Israel H. De Wolf, Encampment services,	10 00	
	Israel H. De Wolf, salary for August,	66 66	
	Griffith-Stillings Press, General Order No. 5,	5 25	
	Philip A. Nordell, salary for August,	100 00	
	Philip A. Nordell, incidentals,	8 28	
	Accrued interest on bonds,	25 07	
		270 15	
September.	Worcester Brass Band, to lead Department parade,	\$162 00	
	Boston Regalia Company, supplies,	2 91	
	Henry A. Pond, traveling,	4 60	
	Cola D. R. Stowits, supplies,	8 80	
	Cola D. R. Stowits, supplies,	17 50	
	Boston Regalia Company, supplies,	9 00	
	Israel H. De Wolf, salary for September,	66 66	
	Philip A. Nordell, salary for September,	100 00	
	Philip A. Nordell, incidentals,	3 79	
		375 26	
October.	Boston Regalia Company, supplies,	\$2 50	
	Griffith-Stillings Press, General Order No. 6,	14 50	
	Israel H. De Wolf, salary for October,	66 66	
	Philip A. Nordell, salary for October,	100 00	
	Philip A. Nordell, traveling,	12 16	
	Philip A. Nordell, incidentals,	4 16	
		199 98	
November.	Alex. C. Morrill, 1,000 envelopes and printing,	\$5 00	
	Daniel E. Denny, traveling,	34 71	
	Philip A. Nordell, expressage,	7 00	
	Edward A. Hammond, supplies,	6 00	
	Cola D. R. Stowits, supplies,	10 00	
	Alex. C. Morrill, printing,	6 50	
	Griffith-Stillings Press, General Order No. 7,	13 50	
	<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$82 71	\$2,472 39

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

	<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	. . . .	\$82 71	\$2,472 39
1917.				
	Israel H. De Wolf, salary for November,	. . .	66 66	
	Philip A. Nordell, salary for November,	. . .	100 00	
	Philip A. Nordell, traveling,	5 45	
	Philip A. Nordell, incidentals,	8 87	
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				263 69
December.	Daniel E. Denny, traveling,	\$13 17	
	Griffith-Stillings Press, printing,	2 00	
	V. H. Blackinton & Co., supplies, . . .	. . .	7 28	
	Israel H. De Wolf, salary for December,	. . .	66 66	
	Philip A. Nordell, traveling, . . .	. . .	3 71	
	Philip A. Nordell, salary for December, . . .	. . .	100 00	
	Philip A. Nordell, incidentals, . . .	. . .	7 43	
	Boston Regalia Company, supplies,	6 50	
	Alex. C. Morrill, printing countersign,	1 50	
	George W. Wilder, traveling,	3 16	
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				211 41
1918.				
January.	Israel H. De Wolf, salary (January 1 to 11),	\$24 62	
	Alex. C. Morrill, printing,	3 00	
	Eben W. Pike, salary (January 14 to 31), . . .	. . .	38 70	
	Philip A. Nordell, salary for January,	100 00	
	Philip A. Nordell, traveling,	1 15	
	Philip A. Nordell, incidentals,	9 85	
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				177 32
February.	Robert W. McBride, per capita tax on 7,483 members,	\$130 95	
	Daniel E. Denny, traveling (December and January),	23 01	
	O'Neil & Parker, surety bond, . . .	. . .	22 20	
	Robert W. McBride, supplies, . . .	. . .	33 75	
	Alex. C. Morrill, printing, . . .	. . .	5 50	
	Boston Regalia Company, supplies, . . .	. . .	1 50	
	V. H. Blackinton & Co., supplies, . . .	. . .	2 27	
	New England Railway Publishing Company, Baby Pathfinder, . . . . .	. . . . .	1 00	
	Eben W. Pike, salary for January, . . .	. . .	66 66	
	Philip A. Nordell, salary for February, . . .	. . .	100 00	
	Philip A. Nordell, traveling, . . .	. . .	3 92	
	Philip A. Nordell, incidentals,	2 25	
	Griffith-Stillings Press, printing,	13 25	
	Daniel E. Denny, traveling,	18 96	
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				\$3,550 03



A. J. Horr
Assistant Quartermaster-General
January—April, 1918

MERCHANTISE ACCOUNT.

Dr.

On hand March 1, 1917,	\$235 94
Bought during the year,	280 59
Profit and loss,	130 57
							<hr/> \$647 10

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Sold during the year,	\$387 42
On hand March 1, 1918,	259 68
							<hr/> \$647 10

ASSETS.

Invested fund:—

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$918 59
South Boston Savings Bank,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,288 46
Home Savings Bank,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,037 80
Warren Institution for Savings,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,062 64
Provident Institution for Savings,	.	.	.	.	.	.	886 10
East Cambridge Savings Bank,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,788 87
Liberty Bonds,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,000 00
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	.	<hr/>\$12,982 46

General fund:—

Fourth-Atlantic Bank,	\$264 57
Cash in drawer,	19 55
							<hr/> 284 12

Total funds,	\$13,266 58
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Value of supplies,	\$259 68
Colors,	395 08
Office furniture,	290 00
Dies, cuts, etc.,	150 00
							<hr/> 1,094 76

Total,	\$14,361 34
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LIABILITIES.

None.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HOITT,
Assistant Quartermaster-General.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

WORCESTER, MASS., Feb. 23, 1918.

PHILIP A. NORDELL, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

COMRADE: — I herewith submit my report as Department Inspector. During the past year I have inspected the following Posts: F. A. Stearns Post 37; Nathaniel Lyon Post 61; and George H. Thomas Post 131. I also installed the officers of Arthur G. Biscoe Post 80. I found each of these Posts in good condition, with a large percentage of the members present. I find that the smaller Posts especially look forward to the inspection with a great deal of pleasure, the comrades in some cases coming many miles that they may be there. In one Post that I inspected, a comrade ninety years old, who has always been able to be present, could not walk to the hall, but Comrades had him brought by auto so that he could be there. National and Departments meetings and County Associations are good, but the smaller Posts get more encouragement when Comrades visit them in their own Post hall and "break bread with them." Assistant inspectors should take as many of their Comrades with them as they can when inspecting Posts.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. WINN,

Department Inspector.



BOWDOIN S. PARKER
Judge Advocate



HENRY A. WINN
Department Inspector

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

BOSTON, Feb. 27, 1918.

PHILIP A. NORDELL, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

SIR:—I have the honor to report that no matters have been referred to me as Judge Advocate by the Department Commander for the present year.

This indicates the harmony and good comradeship of our membership.

My opinion has been unofficially requested upon local questions by individual Comrades, which I have cheerfully answered. I beg to thank the Department Commander for the privilege of serving upon his staff and for his courtesy to me at all times.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,

BOWDOIN S. PARKER,

Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

25 MATHER STREET, DORCHESTER CENTER, Feb. 25, 1918.

PHILIP A. NORDELL, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

COMRADE:— I have the honor to report that I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to perform with diligence and dignity all the duties of an office which at the present age of our beloved Order seems almost purely ornamental. The only self-sacrificing labor which I can justly claim to have performed has been in going into the wilds of Milton on a zero night to install the officers of Post 102, who, I accidentally learned, were disappointed in their request for an Installing Officer, and so I performed that duty for them. All other duties have been purely social and highly enjoyable. I attended a reception and presentation of a sword to the Department Commander by Post 10 in Worcester; a birthday reception to Mrs. Starkweather by the Woman's Relief Corps at their Headquarters in Boston; meetings of the Middlesex and Suffolk County Associations and of the Returned Prisoners' Association; meetings of Corps 68 of Dorchester and of the Sons and Daughters of Veterans both of Dorchester and of Milton, and several meetings of Paul Revere Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R. All these social events and the honor of marching last August on the staff of the Department Commander has made my year of service full of pleasant remembrances which I shall always treasure. I surrender my office full of gratitude for the unvarying courtesy shown me by the Department Commander and by all his official family.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

DANIEL L. WEYMOUTH,
Chief Mustering Officer.



CASTELY O. NORCROSS
Department Patriotic Instructor



DANIEL L. WEYMOUTH
Chief Mustering Officer

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

BROOKLINE, March 1, 1918.

PHILIP A. NORDELL, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—The very interesting reports of the Post Patriotic Instructors for 1917 indicate that the 601,835 enrolled pupils in the 12,815 public day schools, occupying 4,436 buildings, with their 19,320 teachers, are intensely patriotic and loyal.

Every school has its flag. Scores of "just lovely silk ones" have been presented by the Woman's Relief Corps, and are prized above expression. Many schools salute the flag every day, and all salute at special patriotic services, such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, Washington's, Lincoln's and Grant's birthdays.

The "Old Vets" are always welcomed in these schools, but especially so at memorial time. Some of the introductions given to them are really eloquent. They are hailed as the saviors of the Union, the preservers and defenders of liberty, by both teachers and scholars, and in many ways are shown respect and honor.

Post 40 of Malden reports that automobiles with chauffeurs are furnished without charge for Memorial Day by public-spirited citizens of the town. Post 48 of Ayer looks after the schools in three towns.

Post 62, Newton, reports that about 150 staff-mounted flags were furnished to the schools, and about \$300, mostly contributed, were expended in observing Memorial Day. Several of the Posts expend from \$4 to \$40 in school exercises at memorial time.

Post 74, Rockland, reports: "The school children of Rockland have been brought up on the flag for lo! these many years, led by the Post. Many of our high school graduates are already in France."

Post 95, Saugus, reports that on Memorial Day 200 girls were in line and assisted in decorating the graves. In Post 108, Georgetown, Captain Winch, nearly eighty-six years old, is doing his bit as Patriotic Instructor, and sends an interesting sketch of his military experience.

Comrade Geo. W. Heath of Post 47, Haverhill, had to act as both Commander and Patriotic Instructor. We think he has a right

to be rather proud, as he says he is, of "causing to be placed a metal tablet of Lincoln at Gettysburg, embodying the address and a splendid likeness of Lincoln, in our high school building, and one of the same in the public library; also a replica of it, same dimension, framed with a 2-inch margin all around it, in each school building and in many of the churches, . . . and shall put one in every church and public hall, as we have 1,000 of these replicas."

We have also "sent a United States flag to the Barbara Frietchie Association at Frederick, Md., to use over the Barbara Frietchie Monument in that city. We have distributed 3,000 Memorial Day buttons with printed ribbons in red, white and blue."

Post 125, Pittsfield, reports 15 school buildings and 5,664 scholars; and Post 174, Greenfield, reports 18 school buildings and 2,424 pupils. These Posts are the only ones that report the number of scholars.

Post 134, Boston, in its memorial exercises was assisted by the Woman's Relief Corps No. 67, the Sons of Veterans, Camp 156, and a company of boys. They decorated Boston Harbor in memory of the sailors of the Civil War, the graves of soldiers and sailors at the cemetery on Rainsford Island in Boston Harbor, the Shaw Memorial on Boston Common, and placed a wreath on the statue of Lincoln in Park Square. Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read at all these ceremonies.

The above extracts not only show the general excellence of our Post reports, but that the "Boys in Blue" are still afame with the same spirit that animated them in '61 to '65. They show beyond question the intense patriotism of the teachers and scholars in our schools.

Many of our teachers are sons and daughters of veterans. Many of them realize that to train the head and not inspire the heart with a love of truth and of good will to all mankind is but to fit them for keener knavery, as the awful atrocities practiced by the Germans in the present world war clearly show.

In speaking at many of our County Associations it has been my purpose to impress upon the Comrades the fact that the schools prize the simple, truthful description of some actual incident of the war, told just as you would tell it to a child, far more than they do eloquent orations, and that it is up to each Comrade to do his bit.

Show the boys that the flag represents the achievements of four wars: the War of the Revolution, waged to establish liberty on the land; that of 1812, to maintain freedom on the sea; the Civil War,

to maintain the Union and perpetuate freedom for all; and the Spanish War of '98, to carry the conquests of freedom to the isles of the ocean.

And now, the stars and stripes are leading our battling hosts in another great conflict, whose aim is to make liberty and democracy one and inseparable now and forever, the earth around. So, cheers for the flag.

Cheers to the flag! for freedom unfurled,
Cheers to the flag! best hope of the world,
Cheers to the flag! first flag of the free,
And here's our pledge, Old Glory, to thee.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

C. O. NORCROSS,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

BOSTON, March 4, 1918.

DANIEL E. DENNY, *Commander.*

COMRADE:— The Council of Administration for 1917–18 respectfully render the following report:—

The first meeting was held June 28, 1917. The business related (1) to the date of the next Encampment, which was fixed for April 9 and 10, and the banquet at Ford Hall for the afternoon of the 10th. (2) Comrades Edwin F. Morrill, Walter E. Swan and George W. Pratt were appointed auditors. (3) It was voted to withdraw \$5,000 from deposits in savings banks, and to reinvest the same in Liberty Bonds. (4) The request of the Department Commander that a brass band from Worcester be engaged to head the Massachusetts division in the parade at the National Encampment was granted. (5) The Commander's further request that he be authorized to incur reasonable expense in entertaining during the Encampment was also granted. (6) A communication from Post 47, Haverhill, in reference to changing the time of nominating, electing and installing Post officers, that had been referred by the 1917 Encampment to the Council of Administration, was thoroughly discussed. The council voted unanimously that, in view of all the difficulties in the way, a change seems inexpedient.

The final meeting of the council was held March 4, 1918, for the purpose of making further arrangements for the State Encampment, and of hearing the report of the Auditing Committee.

PHILIP A. NORDELL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.



EDWIN F. MORRILL
Council of Administration



LUTHER W. BIXBY
Council of Administration



WALTER E. SWAN
Council of Administration



DAVID KING
Council of Administration



HENRY A. POND
Chief of Staff



GEORGE W. PRATT
Council of Administration

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

BOSTON, March 4, 1918.

DANIEL E. DENNY, *Commander.*

COMRADE: — The Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have twice, Oct. 1, 1917, and March 4, 1918, examined the books and accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster-General, and have found them correct, with vouchers for all charges made to Feb. 28, 1918. They have verified the cash and find the total amount on hand March 1, 1918, to be \$13,266.58.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

EDWIN F. MORRILL.
WALTER E. SWAN.
GEORGE W. PRATT.

MUSTERED OUT

DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1917.

Post 1, New Bedford.

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Organization.	Place of Birth.
James F. Tripp,	Jan. 27	Corporal,	Co. I, 3d Mass. Infantry,	Fairhaven, Mass.
Loring T. Parlow,	Jan. 29	Private,	15th Mass. Unattached Company,	Marion, Mass.
Edward C. Neagles,	Mar. 15	Private,	Co. C, 3d Mass. Cavalry,	New Bedford, Mass.
Willard D. Mosher,	May 31	Private,	Co. E, 55th Mass. Infantry,	Westport, Mass.
Samuel E. Winger,	June 12	-	U. S. S. "Sabine," "Princeton" and "Quaker City,"	-
John H. Richards,	Aug. 15	Private,	Co. A, 3d Mass. Cavalry,	New Bedford, Mass.
Allen G. Mayhew,	Aug. 17	Private,	Co. I, 6th Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Westport Point, Mass.

Post 2, South Boston.

Robert W. Wright,	Dec. 28	Private,	{ Co. A, 4th Mass. Cavalry, 13th Mass. Infantry,	Boston, Mass.
Francis Z. Jonks,	Dec. 30	First Lieutenant,	Co. A, 59th Mass. Infantry,	North Stretford, Vt.
Herbert Robbins,	Jan. 11	Private,	Co. B, 3d Mass. Infantry,	Plymouth, Mass.
William S. Brown,	Feb. 1	Assistant Engineer,	U. S. Navy,	Lexington, Mass.
John F. Godfrey,	May 18	Private,	Co. F, 7th Mass. Infantry,	South Boston, Mass.
William W. Wilson,	June 8	Private,	Co. I, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	England.

Post 3, Taunton.

Alfred B. Richmond, .	.	Feb. 10	Sergeant,	{ Co. B, 4th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 29th Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 7th Mass. Infantry, Co. K, 58th Mass. Infantry, U. S. S. "Niagara,"	{ Taunton, Mass. England.
Duncan S. Elliott, .	.	Feb. 10	Private,	{ Co. E, 12th Mass. Infantry, 16th Mass Light Battery, Co. D, 58th Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 38th Mass. Infantry, Co. E, 58th Mass. Infantry, U. S. S. "Massachusetts,"	{ Tremont, Mass., formerly Rochester.
George S. Morse, .	.	Feb. 14	Private,	{ Co. B, 33d Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 39th Mass. Infantry, Co. E, 7th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 3d Mass. Infantry, U. S. S. "Colorado,"	{ Easton, Mass. Taunton, Mass. West Bridgewater, Mass.
Henry R. Packard, .	.	Mar. 2	Landsman,	{ Co. F, 38th Mass. Heavy Artillery, Co. I, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery, U. S. Navy,	{ Taunton, Mass. Freetown, Mass. Norton, Mass.
Samuel N. Bushee, .	.	Mar. 11	Musician,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 2d Mass. Infantry,	{ Taunton, Mass. Fall River, Mass. New Portland, Me.
Lewis Green, .	.	Mar. 16	Artificer,	{ Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	Charlestown, Mass.
James Rockett, .	.	Mar. 24	Private,	{ Co. G, 2d Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery, Co. I, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery, U. S. Navy,	{ North Easton, Mass.
Joseph Evans, .	.	May 4	Seaman,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 3d Mass. Infantry, U. S. S. "Colorado,"	{ Sandown, N. H. Newburyport, Mass. Lynn, Mass. Philadelphia, Pa. Ireland.
George A. Munroe, .	.	June 1	Private,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{ Ireland. Lynn, Mass. Ireland.
Francis S. Babbitt, .	.	Aug. 22	Private,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{ Newfield, Me. New York. New Portland, Me. Charlestown, Mass.
George H. Park, .	.	Oct. 1	Private,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{
Humphrey A. Francis, .	.	Nov. 9	First Lieutenant, .	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{
Charles A. Sampson, .	.	Nov. 27	Landsman,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{

Post 5, Lynn.

John Perley, .	.	Jan. 8	Private,	{ Co. D, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 2d Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery, Co. I, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery, U. S. Navy,	{ Sandown, N. H. Newburyport, Mass. Lynn, Mass. Philadelphia, Pa. Ireland.
Geo. Whitten, .	.	Jan. 19	Private,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{ Lynn, Mass. Philadelphia, Pa. Ireland.
Benj. R. Tutt, .	.	Jan. 20	Corporal,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{ Lynn, Mass. Philadelphia, Pa. Ireland.
Henry E. Hay, .	.	Jan. 27	Sergeant,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{ Lynn, Mass. Philadelphia, Pa. Ireland.
William Duffy, .	.	Jan. 30	Landsman,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{ Lynn, Mass. Philadelphia, Pa. Ireland.
Edwin Bates, .	.	Feb. 4	Private,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{ Lynn, Mass. Philadelphia, Pa. Ireland.
Michael McCarthy, .	.	Feb. 6	Private,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{ Lynn, Mass. Philadelphia, Pa. Ireland.
Horace Thompson, .	.	Feb. 9	Private,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{ Lynn, Mass. Philadelphia, Pa. Ireland.
Thos. V. Sullivan, .	.	Feb. 23	Musician,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{ Lynn, Mass. Philadelphia, Pa. Ireland.
Polinus O. Hare, .	.	Feb. 25	Private,	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{ Lynn, Mass. Philadelphia, Pa. Ireland.
John L. Parker, .	.	Feb. 27	First Lieutenant, .	{ Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry, Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry, Co. F, 50th Mass. Infantry, Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 11th Mass. Infantry,	{ Lynn, Mass. Philadelphia, Pa. Ireland.

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Post 5, Lynn — Concluded.

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Organization.	Place of Birth.
Lawrence Burke,	Mar. 17	Private,	Co. D, 1st N. Y. Engineers,	Ireland.
Alvin R. Moulton,	Apr. 12	Musician,	Co. I, 29th Mass. Infantry,	Lynn, Mass.
John H. Lear,	Apr. 13	Private,	Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry,	Lynn, Mass.
Elliott W. Ford,	May 1	Private,	Co. G, 12th Mass. Infantry,	Arlington, Mass.
Edward B. Billings,	May 18	Private,	Co. H, 2d Me. Cavalry,	Searsport, Me.
Noah B. Lord,	May 24	Private,	Co. K, 24th Mass. Infantry,	Lebanon, Me.
Nathaniel S. Harris,	May 24	Private,	Co. A, 3d Mass. Cavalry,	Danvers, Mass.
Benjamin A. Thurlow,	May 26	Private,	3d Mass. Unattached Co.	Newburyport, Mass.
James H. Elwell,	May 30	Private,	Co. H, 17th Mass. Infantry,	Marblehead, Mass.
Samuel M. Webster,	May 31	Private,	Co. B, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Lynn, Mass.
William B. Carlton,	May 8	Corporal,	Co. D, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	West Newbury, Mass.
William H. Honors,	June 24	Private,	Co. L, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Lynn, Mass.
Stephen E. Knight,	July 12	Steward,	U. S. S. "Niagara,"	Windham, N. H.
Alvin Goodwin,	July 27	Private,	Co. H, 3d Me. Infantry,	Sanford, Me.
Geo. H. Batchelder,	Aug. 21	Clerk,	Co. L, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Lynn, Mass.
Nathan B. Fletcher,	Sept. 17	Private,	Co. D, 50th Mass. Infantry,	Billerica, Me.
Geo. H. Hynes,	Oet. 3	Private,	Co. A, 48th Mass. Infantry,	Newburyport, Mass.
William W. Emerton,	Oet. 27	Private,	Co. D, 8th Mass. Infantry,	Saugus, Mass.
David Lee,	Nov. 4	Sergeant,	Co. K, 29th Mass. Infantry,	Boston, Mass.
George W. Knapp,	Nov. 28	Private,	2d Co. Mass. Sharpshooters,	Boxborough, Mass.
Cyrus H. Phipps,	Dec. 3	Private,	9th Me. U. unassigned Infantry,	Orrington, Me.
Eli H. Burnham,	Dec. 7	Private,	Co. A, 39th Mass. Infantry,	Gloucester, Mass.
Jos. P. Randall,	Dec. 11	Ensign,	U. S. Navy,	Freeport, Me.
Corydon T. Curtis,	Dec. 17	Corporal,	Co. G, 12th Me. Infantry,	Brunswick, Me.

Post 7, Boston.

James W. R. Holland,	•	Jan. 3	Captain,	•	Co. H, 20th Mass. Infantry,	•	England.
Ernest Kuhn,	•	Feb. 11	Private,	•	Co. K, 178th N. Y. Infantry,	•	Germany.
Peter Thulliet,	•	Feb. 14	—	•	U. S. Navy,	•	France.
Charles O. Pike,	•	Mar. 4	Private,	•	1st Mass. Battery,	•	Charlestown, Mass.
Wm. Fitzgerald,	•	Mar. 25	Private,	•	Co. F, 6th Mass. Infantry,	•	South Carolina.
Adelbert F. Arris,	•	May 27	—	•	U. S. Navy,	•	Boston, Mass.
Henry F. Young,	•	July 19	Private,	•	Co. K, 6th Mass. Infantry,	•	Boston, Mass.
Lewis Law,	•	Aug. 13	Private,	•	Co. E, 17th U. S. Infantry,	•	—
Albion B. Cook,	•	Sept. 3	Private,	•	Co. C, 15th Me. Infantry,	•	Maine.
Wm. F. Healey,	•	Sept. 16	—	•	U. S. Navy,	•	Ireland.
Patrick Clancy,	•	Oct. 2	—	•	U. S. Marine Corps,	•	Ireland.
P. W. Doherty,	•	Nov. 13	Sergeant,	•	Co. D, 11th Mass. Infantry,	•	Rowley, Mass.
James J. Nott,	•	Nov. 27	Private,	•	Co. H, 1st R. I. Artillery,	•	Boston, Mass.
Dennis J. Donohoe,	•	Dec. 8	Private,	•	Co. H, 42d Mass. Infantry,	•	Boston, Mass.
Geo. H. Wooffdale,	•	Dec. 9	Private,	•	Co. D, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery,	•	Boston, Mass.

Post 8, Middleborough.

Joseph Williams,	•	Feb. 2	Private,	•	29th Mass. Unattached Company,	•	West Bridgewater, Mass.
Thompson Perkins,	•	Nov. 18	Private,	•	Co. D, 18th Mass. Infantry,	•	Middleborough, Mass.

Post 9, Hudson.

Augustus P. Dickson,	•	Jan. 4	Private,	•	Co. G, 32d Mass. Infantry,	•	Salem, Mass.
William W. Curtis,	•	Jan. 25	Corporal,	•	Co. A, 15th Mass. Infantry,	•	Worcester, Mass.
Thomas F. Snow,	•	Aug. 21	Sergeant,	•	Co. G, 13th Mass. Infantry,	•	Stow, Mass.
Samuel M. Haynes,	•	Dec. 30	Sergeant,	•	Co. B, 59th Mass. Infantry,	•	Framingham, Mass.

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Post 10, Worcester.

NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	RANK.	ORGANIZATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Alfred S. Roe,	Jan. 6	Private,	Co. A, 9th N. Y. Heavy Artillery,	Wayne County, N. Y.
J. Stewart Brown,	Jan. 13	Sergeant,	Co. B, 6th Mass. Infantry,	Worcester, Mass.
John Ahearn,	Jan. 22	Adjutant,	Co. B, 51st Mass. Infantry,	Ireland.
Edward S. Maynard,	Jan. 24	Private,	Co. H, 10th N. H. Infantry,	Hubbardston, Mass.
David M. Earle,	Jan. 29	Captain,	Co. H, 32d Mass. Infantry,	North Brookfield, Mass.
Nahum H. Farmer,	Feb. 4	Corporal,	Co. F, 15th Mass. Infantry,	Sterling, Mass.
Addison March,	Feb. 8	Private,	Co. G, 36th Mass. Infantry,	Warwick, Mass.
Edmund N. Schofield,	Feb. 9	Corporal,	Co. C, 21st Mass. Infantry,	Barre, Mass.
Everett J. Wilson,	Feb. 18	Private,	U. S. Marine Corps,	Concord, Mass.
George H. Mills,	Feb. 19	Corporal,	Co. C, 11th Mass. Infantry,	Fryeburg, Me.
John L. M. Davenport,	Feb. 23	Private,	Co. K, 23d Mass. Infantry,	Waterford, Me.
François B. Potter,	Mar. 9	Private,	Co. F, 21st Mass. Infantry,	South Dedham, Mass.
Ezra P. Guild,	Mar. 13	Corporal,	Co. D, 43d Mass. Infantry,	Canada.
Charles H. Wilkinson,	Mar. 15	Private,	Co. L, 3rd N. Y. Cavalry,	South Norridgewalk, Me.
Stephen H. Emerson,	Apr. 22	Sergeant,	Co. G, 11th Me. Infantry,	England.
Joseph Midgley,	May 12	Private,	Co. D, 51st Mass. Infantry,	Worcester, Mass.
John G. Brewer,	May 26	Sergeant,	Co. F, 21st Mass. Infantry,	Scotland.
Alexander M. Comrie,	May 29	Sergeant,	Co. H, 34th Mass. Infantry,	Thompson, Conn.
Henry W. Hendrick,	June 2	Private,	Co. K, 7th Conn. Infantry,	South Lee, Mass.
Joseph E. Hooker,	June 19	Sergeant,	Co. A, 16th Me. Infantry,	Ireland.
John Brown,	June 26	Private,	Co. C, 15th Mass. Infantry,	Ireland.
John J. Navin,	Sept. 30	Private,	Co. G, 17th Mass. Infantry,	Hubbardston, Mass.
Charles W. Clark,	Oct. 3	Private,	Co. E, 5th Mass. Infantry,	Middlefield, Mass.
Clarkson Smith,	Oct. 14	Sergeant,	Co. C, 46th Mass. Infantry,	West Boylston, Mass.
Lewis C. Lawrence,	Oct. 16	Private,	7th Mass. Battery,	Royalston, Mass.
Jonas E. Greeley,	Nov. 4	Private,	Co. H, 21st Mass. Infantry,	-
John W. Howell,	Nov. 30	Sergeant,	Co. E, 57th Mass. Infantry,	-
William Cheney, Jr.,	Dec. 9	Private,	Co. M, 15th N. Y. Engineers,	-
		Sergeant,	Co. H, 25th Mass. Infantry,	Fremont, Ill.
		First Lieutenant,	U. S. Colored Troops,	

Mark Froom,	.	Dec. 24	Private,	.	Co. B, 4th Mass. Infantry,	.	England,
Nathaniel H. Ingraham,	.	Dec. 28	Private,	.	Co. F, 44th Mass. Infantry,	.	South Hadley, Mass.
Edward J. Sargent,	.	Nov. 30	Private,	.	Co. A, 25th Mass. Infantry,	.	-
Geo. L. Bundy,	.	July 11	Sergeant,	.	Co. A, 54th Mass. Infantry,	.	-
Orin S. Hopkins,	.	Aug. 5	Lieutenant,	.	Co. A, 31st Mass. Infantry,	.	-
Napoleon Oliver,	.	Aug. 6	Private,	.	Co. E, 1st Mass. Cavalry,	.	-
Albert W. Ingraham,	.	Aug. 8	Musician,	.	Co. G, 7th Mass. Cavalry,	.	South Hadley, Mass.
Joel B. Hind,	.	Sept. 4	Private,	.	Co. G, 17th Mass. Infantry,	.	-
Fred B. Whipple,	.	Oct. 4	Private,	.	Co. C, 5th Mass. Infantry,	.	-

Post 11, Charlestown.

Albert F. Rich,	.	Jan. 10	Acting Master's Mate,	.	U. S. Navy,	.	Quincy, Mass.
Charles B. Raymond,	.	Feb. 10	Sergeant,	.	Co. K, 5th Mass. Infantry,	.	Charlestown, Mass.
Walter T. Southwick,	.	Jan. 24	Coxswain,	.	Co. B, 36th Mass. Infantry,	.	-
George F. Titus,	.	Feb. 25	Private,	.	U. S. S. "Vincennes,"	.	Boston, Mass.
Charles F. Goodrich,	.	Mar. 9	-	.	Co. H, 5th Mass. Infantry,	.	Cambridge, Mass.
Michael Dunton,	.	May 15	Assistant Engineer,	.	U. S. S. "Powhatan" and "Banshee,"	.	-
Alfred W. Prescott,	.	June 22	Bugler,	.	11th Mass. Battery,	.	Montreal, Can.
Joseph Fulton,	.	July 14	Seaman,	.	U. S. S. "Niagara,"	.	Lexington, Mass.
Joseph Molton,	.	Oct. 24	Private,	.	Co. H, 5th Mass. Infantry,	.	Boston, Mass.
James Martin,	.	Apr. 11	Landsman,	.	U. S. S. "Onward,"	.	Charlestown, Mass.
							Ireland.

Post 12, Wakefield.

Oliver Walton,	.	Apr. 28	Private,	.	Co. E, 50th Mass. Infantry,	.	South Reading, Mass.
George N. Whiting,	.	July 8	Private,	.	Co. B, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	.	Lynnfield, Mass.
Charles H. Hawes,	.	Nov. 16	Corporal,	.	Co. F, 6th Mass. Infantry,	.	Boston, Mass.
William J. Mansfield,	.	Dec. 9	Private,	.	Co. L, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	.	South Reading, Mass.

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Post 13, Brockton.

NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	RANK.	ORGANIZATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Joseph W. Freeman,	Jan. 25	Private,	Co. F, 12th Mass. Infantry,	Abington, Mass.
Caleb W. Battles,	Feb. 3	Private,	Co. B, 32d Me. Infantry,	Plymouth, Mass.
Geo. T. Whitcomb,	Feb. 6	Private,	Co. F, 12th Mass. Infantry,	East Randolph, Mass.
Wm. H. Crawford,	Feb. 21	Private,	Co. I, 3d Mass. Cavalry,	Sutton, Vt.
Frank E. White,	Mar. 3	First Lieutenant,	4th N. Y. Cavalry,	South Weymouth, Mass.
James W. Brown,	Apr. 11	Musician,	Co. K, 14th Me. Infantry,	Searsport, Me.
Edward C. Briggs,	Apr. 16	Private,	Co. C, 4th R. I. Infantry,	Somerset, Mass.
Josias Hall,	May 21	Private,	Co. D, 58th Mass. Infantry,	Taunton, Mass.
Geo. W. Ames,	July 1	Sergeant,	Co. I, 12th Me. Infantry,	Bucksport, Me.
Michael Jogue,	July 15	Sergeant,	Co. D, 3d R. I. Heavy Artillery,	Boston, Mass.
Henry T. Allen,	July 14	Private,	Co. A, 8th Me. Infantry,	Farmington, Me.
Eli Bunker,	Sept. 16	Private,	Co. F, 12th Mass. Infantry,	North Bridgewater, Mass.
Wm. H. Rollins,	Oct. 20	Private,	Co. K, 28th Me. Infantry,	Jay, Me.
James L. Robinson,	Nov. 10	Private,	Co. F, 1st Mass. Cavalry,	East Bridgewater, Mass.

Post 14, Hopkinton.

Samuel E. Bucknam,	June 23	Second Lieutenant,	Co. K, 19th Me. Infantry,	Eastport, Me.
Githon H. Smith,	July 13	Private,	Co. M, 1st Mass. Cavalry,	North Providence, R. I.
Henry C. Weston,	July 27	Private,	Co. D, 1st Mass. Cavalry,	Hopkinton, Mass.
Henry M. Rockwood,	Nov. 17	Private,	16th Mass. Light Battery,	Bellingham, Mass.

Post 15, Boston.

Jonas M. Place,	Jan. 10	Private,	Co. H, 45th Mass. Infantry,	New Hampshire.
Joseph A. Daniels,	Jan. 18	Private,	Co. G, 8th Mass. Infantry,	New Hampshire.
James F. McKenzie,	Feb. 25	Sergeant,	Co. F, 1st Mass. Infantry,	Nova Scotia.

Bartholomew J. Tunney,	Jan. 25	Private,	Co. C, 23d Mass. Infantry,	New Brunswick.
George M. Woodward,	Mar. 21	Private,	Co. B, 10th Conn. Infantry,	Connecticut.
Edward H. Wheeler,	Mar. 22	Private,	Co. M, 4th Mass. Cavalry,	Rhode Island.
Horace W. Kimball,	Mar. 25	{ Landsman,	U. S. S. "Ohio" and "Aries,"	Massachusetts.
Ezra H. Baxter,	Mar. 31	Private,	Co. A, 1st Mass. Infantry,	Rhode Island.
John Boyce,	Apr. 27	Private,	1st and 9th Mass. Light Battery,	Nova Scotia.
George A. Stuart,	Apr. 29	Hospital Steward,	Co. A, U. S. Army,	Massachusetts.
Lewis K. Blair,	June 6	Private,	Co. G, 9th and 39th Mass. Infantry,	Massachusetts.
Charles H. Trask,	June 12	Private,	3d Me. Infantry,	Maine.
Amos H. Fairbanks,	Aug. 28	Private,	Co. F, 32d Mass. Infantry,	Massachusetts.
John D. Quinn,	Sept. 15	Private,	Co. C, 12th and 39th Mass. Infantry,	Ireland.
George B. Otis,	Oet. 6	Private,	Co. H, 12th Mass. Infantry,	Massachusetts.
Neill H. Kerr,	Oet. 11	Seaman,	7th Mass. Unattached Infantry,	Massachusetts.
			Co. H, 11th Mass. Infantry,	Massachusetts.
			Co. C, 19th Mass. Infantry,	Massachusetts.
			U. S. S. "Pensacola,"	Massachusetts.

Post 16, Springfield.

Arthur LeB. Chapin,	Mar. 23	Private,	Co. H, 46th Mass. Infantry,	Amherst, Mass.
Peter King,	Mar. 16	Private,	Co. F, 10th Mass. Infantry,	Franklin County, Vt.
William O. Regan,	June 7	Private,	10th Mass. Unattached Company,	Millbury, Mass.
Oliver White,	May 23	Private,	Co. B, 8th Conn. Infantry,	Enfield, Conn.
Rollin E. Terry,	June 24	Private,	Co. D, 92d and Co. G, 96th New York Infantry.	Pitcairn, N. Y.
Smith Seabury,	July 2	Private,	Co. A, 16th Conn. Infantry,	Hartford, Conn.
James B. Clancy,	July 7	—	U. S. Navy,	Hartford, Conn.
William M. Tatton,	July 15	—	Co. F, 22d Conn. Infantry,	Manchester, Conn.
James F. Bidwell,	Aug. 28	Private,	Co. F, 32d Mass. Infantry,	Longmeadow, Mass.
Charles E. Rice,	Aug. 8	Private,	Co. F, 12th Pa. Cavalry,	Madison, Ohio.
Mark P. Benjamin,	Oct. 10	Private,	Co. C, 3d R. I. Cavalry,	Brookfield, Mass.
Calvin W. Jennings,	Nov. 28	Private,	Co. B, 40th N. Y. Infantry,	Ludlow, Mass.
Henry W. Keyes,	Oct. 27	Private,	Co. F, 1st Me. Cavalry,	Baltimore, Md.
E. M. Sawille,	Oct. 30	Private,	Co. H, 42d Mass. Infantry,	Springfield, Mass.
John P. Abbott,	Dec. 18	Private,	—	Springfield, Mass.
John Vadakin,	Dec. 28	—	—	—

Post 17, Orange.

NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	RANK.	ORGANIZATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Daniel Ballard,	Jan. 6	Private,	Co. D, 52d Mass. Infantry,	Wendell, Mass.
Aaron Wilson,	Feb. 8	Private,	Co. C, 12th Pa. Infantry,	Cheshire, Mass.
Royal E. Durkee,	Mar. 12	Private,	Co. I, 1st Vt. Cavalry,	Bethel, Vt.
William W. Weedon,	Dee. 27	Private,	Co. F, 3d Mich. Cavalry,	New Bedford, Mass.

Post 21, Boston.

Henry Fass,	Aug. 13	Private,	Co. G, 45th Mass. Infantry,	Germany.
<i>Post 22, Milford.</i>				
Charles W. Arrand,	May 2	Private,	Co. I, 30th N. Y. Infantry,	Valley Falls, N. Y.
Patrick Glenmon,	May 19	Private,	19th Mass. Unattached Company,	Ireland.
Samuel Gardner,	June 27	Private,	Co. C, 93d N. Y. Infantry,	Troy, N. Y.
James D. Draper,	Sept. 6	Second Lieutenant,	Co. B, 5th Mass. Infantry,	
			Co. E, 50th Mass. Infantry,	
			Co. E, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Wayland, Mass.

Post 26, Roxbury.

George P. Brown,	Dec. 16	Private,	Co. G, 11th Pa. Cavalry,	Lowell, Mass.
John H. Baldwin,	Feb. 5	Private,	Co. D, 1st Mass. Infantry,	Boston, Mass.
William B. Stacey,	Feb. 15	Private,	Co. A, 45th Mass. Infantry,	-
William E. Boyce,	Mar. 8	Musician,	Co. D, 7th and 11th N. Y. Cavalry,	Kingston, Can.
Thomas Norton,	Apr. 14	Private,	Co. G, 11th U. S. Infantry,	Ireland.
John F. Baker,	Sept. 8	Master's Mate,	U. S. S. "Glasgow,"	Brewer, Me.

John M. Flockton,	·	Sept. 8	Musician,	·	Co. A, 21st and 67th N. Y. Infantry,	·	Bridgeport, Conn.
Charles W. Robinson,	·	Sept. 13	Private,	·	Co. C, 32d Mass. Infantry,	·	Roxbury, Mass.
Sergeant,	·	·	·	·	Co. E, 13th Mass. Infantry,	·	Roxbury, Mass.
George C. Pratt,	·	Sept. 16	Lieutenant,	·	Co. I, 3d and 58th Mass. Infantry,	·	Fairhaven, Mass.
George Dunham,	·	July 27	Captain,	·	Co. D, 11th Mass. Infantry,	·	Ireland.
David Linnehan,	·	Oct. 6	Private,	·	Co. B, 16th Mass. Infantry,	·	—
Edward Enslin,	·	Dec. 4	Private,	·	Co. K, 10th Vt. Infantry,	·	Concord, N. H.
Noah W. Gray,	·	·	·	·	·	·	·

Post 28, West Boylston.

Nathan P. Rice,	·	Mar. 6	Private,	·	Co. F, 21st Mass. Infantry,	·	Worcester, Mass.
Charles E. Olney,	·	Nov. 13	Corporal,	·	Co. B, 18th Conn. Infantry,	·	Killengly, Conn.

Post 29, Waltham.

William F. Jones,	·	Feb. 5	Private,	·	{ Co. K, 5th Mass. Infantry,	·	Providence, R. I.
Charles M. Dodge,	·	Apr. 30	Private,	·	Co. I, 11th Mass. Battery,	·	Waitham, Mass.
George W. Knowlton,	·	June 2	Private,	·	Co. D, 35th Mass. Infantry,	·	Elliott, Me.
George W. Clark,	·	Aug. 4	Private,	·	Co. B, 45th Mass. Infantry,	·	Waterford, Vt.
Arthur A. Blandin,	·	Aug. 27	Private,	·	Co. I, 33d Mass. Infantry,	·	Norton, Mass.
John Q. Adams, ·	·	Sept. 3	Corporal,	·	Co. I, 10th Mass. Battery,	·	Wayland, Mass.
				·	Co. D, 36th Mass. Infantry,	·	

Post 30, Cambridge.

John D. Andrews,	·	Jan. 27	Sergeant,	·	Co. F, 18th Mass. Infantry,	·	Dedham, Mass.
Elijah W. Hill,	·	Feb. 3	Private,	·	Co. H, 28th Me. Infantry,	·	Whitney, Me.
George R. Foster,	·	Feb. 19	Private,	·	Co. E, 1st Mass. Cavalry,	·	Boston, Mass.
Charles F. Bowman,	·	Feb. 20	Fireman,	·	U. S. Navy,	·	Boston, Mass.
James McChristal,	·	May 15	Private,	·	Co. I, 20th Mass. Infantry,	·	Ireland.
Frederick Clover,	·	Aug. 30	Seaman,	·	U. S. S. "Constellation,"	·	Germany.
Harrison C. Shattuck,	·	Dec. 6	Corporal,	·	Co. C, 16th Vt. Infantry,	·	Weston, Vt.

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Post 32, South Boston.

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Organization.	Place of Birth.
Warren J. Lord,	July 19	Private,	Co. F, 1st Mass. Infantry,	Portland, Me.
Edward F. Barrett,	June 26	Private,	Co. A, 40th Mass. Infantry,	-

Post 33, Woburn.

C. H. Kean, George H. Newhall,	Oct. 29 May 23	Private, Private,	Co. H, 1st Mass. Cavalry, Co. A, 40th Mass. Infantry,	Woburn, Mass., - - -

Post 34, Salem.

Henry M. Robinson,	Jan. 11	Private,	Co. A, 5th N. H. Infantry,	Boston, Mass.
Edmund A. Brown,	Feb. 3	Seaman,	U. S. S. "Hartford,"	Salem, Mass.
Martin Nolan,	Mar. 6	Private,	U. S. C, 65th N. Y. Infantry,	Ireland.
Rev. James P. Franks,	Mar. 25	Captain's Clerk,	U. S. S. "Minnesota,"	Lewiston, Pa.
William Smith,	Apr. 28	Private,	Co. F, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Quebec, Can.
Aaron Goodbread,	June 17	Landman,	Jacksonville, Fla.	
Joseph G. Farmer,	June 2	Private,	Co. A, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	
John E. Goodhue,	Aug. 8	Private,	4th Mass. Light Artillery,	Salem, Mass.
John L. Holden,	Aug. 26	Private,	Co. G, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Marblehead, Mass.
Charles E. Legrand,	Sept. 2	Private,	13th Mass. Unattached Company,	
Richard J. Campbell,	Oct. 9	Seaman,	U. S. S. "Princeton,"	Salem, Mass.
Thomas S. B. Swasey,	Oct. 10	Seaman,	U. S. S. "Acadia,"	Marblehead, Mass.
Benjamin Griffin,	Nov. 1	Private,	55th Mass. Infantry,	Plymouth, N. C.
William O'Brien,	Dec. 2	Sergeant,	Co. E, 36th N. Y. Infantry,	Ireland.
George G. Russell,	Dec. 22	Private,	Co. E, 3d Me. Infantry,	Durham, Me.
William H. Nichols, 3d,	Dec. 29	Private,	Co. E, 7th R. I. Cavalry,	
			Co. I, 6th Mass. Infantry,	Salem, Mass.

Post 35; Chelsea.

Nathan H. Morse,	Jan. 12	Private,	Co. K, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery,
George H. Field,	Jan. 22	Private,	Co. H, 42d Mass. Infantry,
Edwin C. Stone,	Feb. 4	-	U. S. Navy,
Albert H. Wood,	Mar. 1	Private,	41st Mass. Infantry,
Thomas Taylor,	Apr. 17	Private,	1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,
Walter F. Adams,	May 3	Private,	4th Mass. Infantry,
William H. Baker,	June 12	Private,	38th Mass. Infantry,
Gustavus Mason,	Dec. 28	-	42d Mass. Infantry,
John E. Dears,	July 18	Private,	29th Mass. Infantry,
Allen P. Lake,	Oct. 6	Private,	U. S. Navy,
			11th Me. Infantry,
			23d Mass. Infantry,

Post 36, Arlington.

Kimball Farmer,	Feb. 19	Private,	Co. A, Ohio National Guard,	Arlington, Mass.
William H. Potter,	May 8	Lieutenant,	Co. M, 1st Mass. Cavalry,	Arlington, Mass.
John H. Hardy,	Oct. 10	Private,	Co. E, 15th N. H. Infantry,	Hollis, N. H.
Murdock McLeod,	Oct. 14	Coal Heaver,	U. S. S. "Dakota,"	Scotland.

Post 38, Brookfield.

Lemiah J. Whitman, A. L. Nichols,	Mar. 15 Private, June 28	Co. D, 22d Mass. Infantry, Co. H, 8th Mass. Infantry,	Boston, Mass., East Brookfield, Mass.
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Post 39, Lawrence.

NAME,	Date of Death.	Rank.	Organization.	Place of Birth.
Joseph H. Mulhare,	June 12	Private, Drum Major,	4th Mass. Infantry,	
Joseph H. Lovett,	Aug. 12	Corporal,	40th N. Y. Mozart,	
Andrew J. Barker,	Aug. 26	Private,	Co. B, 5th Mass. Infantry,	
Ezra F. Mannahan,	Nov. 2	Private,	Co. F, 40th Mass. Infantry,	
Ira Frye,	Nov. 7	Private,	Co. A, 20th Mass. Infantry,	
Dr. Charles G. Carleton,	Dec. 17	Surgeon,	Co. I, 6th Mass. Infantry,	
Caleb Saunders,	Dec. 19	Lieutenant,	U. S. Army,	Haverhill, Mass.
			Co. I, 6th Mass. Infantry,	Andover, Mass.
			Co. M, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	

Post 40, Malden.

Charles E. Thompson,	Jan. 26	Private,	2d Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Boston, Mass.
Edwin F. Spofford,	Feb. 1	Musician, Captain,	Co. I, 6th and 19th Mass. Infantry,	Newburyport.
Stephen F. Davis,	Apr. 1	Lieutenant,	Co. G, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	
Benjamin Johnson,	Apr. 22	Seaman,	Co. H, 17th Mass. Infantry,	
John Kilroy,	May 8	Private,	U. S. Navy,	Freeport, Me.
Josiah K. Howe,	June 16	Private,	Co. D, 11th Mass. Infantry,	Connecticut.
Charles H. Belding,	July 1	Private,	Co. B, 13th Mass. Infantry,	Ireland.
			Co. C, 4th Mass. Infantry,	Malden, Mass.
			Co. E, 39th Mass. Infantry,	Vermont.

Post 41, Westfield.

Jarius D. Clark,	Jan. 1	Corporal,	Co. A, 8th Vt. Infantry,	Vermont.
Edward Hollister,	Jan. 14	—	11th N. Y. Infantry,	Massachusetts.
Jonathan A. Bull,	Jan. 16	Private,	118th N. Y. Infantry,	Vermont.
Terry E. Noble,	Jan. 24	Lieutenant,	Co. F, 10th Mass. Infantry,	Massachusetts.
Isaac F. Nash,	Feb. 4	Private,	Co. D, 34th Mass. Infantry,	Massachusetts.
Joseph G. Noble,	May 24	First Lieutenant,	Co. C, 46th Mass. Infantry,	Massachusetts.
Louis Lyman Bush,	June 1	Private,	Co. C, 46th Mass. Infantry,	Massachusetts.

Stacy H. Potter,		July 21	Sergeant,	23d N. Y. Infantry,	New York.
Henry Wm. Brown,		July 5	Private,	Co. D, 31st Mass. Infantry,	Germany.
John Lynch,		Oct. 8	Private,	Co. F, 31st Mass. Infantry,	Massachusetts.
George N. Clapp,		Oct. 9	Private,	Co. K, 52d Mass. Infantry,	Massachusetts.

Post 42, Lowell.

William Frederick,		July 30	Private,	71st Vet. Reserve Corps,	Maine.

Post 43, Marlborough.

Benj. F. Lawrence,	Jan. 5	Private,	Co. I, 2d R. I. Infantry,	Jay, Me.
Arthur S. Johnson,	Jan. 7	Sergeant,	Co. D, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Upton, Mass.
John Klinner,	Feb. 3	Sergeant,	Co. I, 13th Mass. Infantry,	Germany.
Samuel E. Dudley,	Feb. 22	Private,	Co. H, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Sudbury, Mass.
Geo. Baldwin,	June 4	Sergeant,	Co. I, 5th Mass. Infantry,	Concord, Mass.
Daniel D. Morse,	June 13	Private,	Co. I, 17th U. S. Infantry,	Lincoln, Me.
Joel B. Baker,	June 22	Corporal,	Co. H, 36th Mass. Infantry,	Westminster, Mass.
Horatio M. Smith,	Nov. 8	Private,	Co. F, 4th Mass. Cavalry,	Northbridge, Mass.
Thos. J. Sandford,	Nov. 9	Sergeant,	Co. K, 1st Me. Cavalry,	Bowdoinham, Me.
Henry Parsons,	Dec. 31	Brevet major,	148th N. Y. Infantry,	Ireland.
Wm. M. Hamilton,	Dec. 28	Second lieutenant,	1st and 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery,	London, Eng.

Post 45, Gloucester.

Burt Emerson,	Feb. 25	Private,	Co. C, 30th Mass. Infantry,	Chelmsford, Mass.
Daniel Puleifer,	Apr. 4	Private,	Co. G, 17th Mass. Infantry,	Gloucester, Mass.
Nathaniel Parsons,	June 1	Private,	Co. K, 7th Mass. Infantry,	Gloucester, Mass.
James H. Dexter,	June 8	Private,	Co. D, 32d Mass. Infantry,	Gloucester, Mass.
Thomas S. Poole,	July 6	Corporal,	Co. D, 32d Mass. Infantry,	Gloucester, Mass.
J. Warren Wonson,	Aug. 19	Private,	Co. G, 8th Mass. Infantry,	Gloucester, Mass.
George A. Reed,	Sept. 27	Private,	Co. A, 24th Me. Infantry,	Richmond, Me.
Nathaniel Sprague,	Nov. 10	Private,	Co. A, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Springfield, Me.
Daniel M. Favor,	Jan. 31	Private,	Co. C, 23d Mass. Infantry,	Gloucester, Mass.

Post 46, Fall River.

NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	RANK.	ORGANIZATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Mitchell Messier,	Jan. 9	Private,	Co. C, 9th Vt. Infantry,	Canada.
William Thackery,	Jan. 26	Private,	Co. 5, 3d Mass. Unattached Company,	England.
James Monaghan,	Jan. 29	Private,	Co. C, 1st Unattached Infantry,	Ireland.
James Shaw,	Jan. 8	Private,	Co. I, 12th Mass. Infantry,	Massachusetts.
Michael Norton,	Jan. 13	Private,	Co. A, 90th N. Y. Infantry,	Fall River, Mass.
Jeremiah McCarty,	Feb. 19	Private,	21st Unattached Company,	Maryland.
Isaac S. Borden,	May 1	Private,	Co. D, 3d Mass. Infantry,	Newport, R. I.
John Brocklehurst,	June 1	Private,	7th Mass. Infantry,	Bristol, R. I.
Robert Fielden,	Aug. 11	Private,	Co. C, 3d Mass. Infantry,	England.
Jeremiah Harrington,	Oct. 15	Private,	21st Mass. Infantry,	Fall River, Mass.
H. A. Baker,	Dec. 18	Private,	15th Unattached Company,	Swansea, Mass.

Post 47, Haverhill.

William H. Quimby,	Jan. 5	Private,	Co. D, 1st Me. Veteran Infantry,	Dexter, Me.
Leander Dacmin,	Jan. 7	Private,	12th Mass. Light Battery,	Boston, Mass.
Henry G. Dillenback,	Jan. 10	Private,	Co. E, 11th N. H. Infantry,	Dickinson, N. Y.
Frank S. Bradley,	Mar. 1	Private,	Co. I, 80th Mass. Infantry,	Haverhill, Mass.
Isaac H. Philbrick,	Apr. 1	Private,	Co. E, 35th Mass. Infantry,	Hope, Me.
Albert F. Ray,	Apr. 21	Private,	Co. D, 5th Mass. Infantry,	Henniker, N. H.
Frederick L. Kicker,	June 13	Private,	Co. G, 50th Mass. Infantry,	Frankfort, Me.
Charles H. Howe,	Aug. 21	Private,	Co. I, 38th Mass. Infantry,	Methuen, Mass.
George C. Hoyt,	Nov. 5	Private,	Co. F, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Warner, N. H.
Edwin F. Hall,	Nov. 15	Private,	Co. I, 3d N. H. Infantry,	Exeter, N. H.

Post 48, Ayer.

William H. Savage,	Dec. 28	Sergeant,	Co. A, 15th Mass. Infantry,	Weston, Mass.
Richard Pierce,	Nov. 23	Private,	Co. B, 6th Mass. Infantry,	Townsend, Mass.

Post 49, Newburyport.

Fred E. Lowell,	•	Jan. 6	Lieutenant,	Co. I, 40th Mass. Infantry,
Ivory W. M. Pierce,	•	Jan. 21	Private,	Co. F, 2d Mass. Infantry,
Luren Follansbee,	•	Feb. 12	Private,	Co. M, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery,
Timothy A. Emerson,	•	Apr. 8	Private,	Co. C, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,
Chas. L. Rundlett,	•	Apr. 16	Private,	Co. B, 11th N. H. Infantry,
John F. Carlton,	•	Apr. 20	Private,	Co. K, 17th Mass. Infantry,
Chas. E. Bradbury,	•	May 1	Private,	Co. A, 17th Mass. Infantry,
Francis Hopkinson,	•	May 4	Private,	Co. E, 11th Mass. Infantry,
Wm. C. Thompson,	•	July 6	Sergeant,	Co. A, 48th Mass. Infantry,
Thomas Austin,	•	Sept. 17	Private,	Co. H, 80th Mass. Infantry,

Post 50, Peabody.

Joseph N. Burbeck,	•	July 16	Private,	Co. C, 5th Mass. Infantry,
Chas. H. Goulding,	•	Sept. 17	Private,	Co. G, 2d N. H. Infantry,
Edward Meacom,	•	Oct. 31	Private,	Co. E, 24th Mass. Infantry,
Nicholas Tucker,	•	Dec. 21	Private,	Co. G, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,

Post 53, Leominster.

A. L. Clark,	•	Dec. 19	Sergeant,	Co. B, 42d Mass. Infantry,
F. L. Thayer,	•	Dec. 28	Private,	Co. A, 56th Mass. Infantry,
Henry S. Rhodes,	•	Jan. 14	Private,	Co. G, 1st Vt. Heavy Artillery,
Joseph N. Day,	•	May 11	Private,	Co. H, 34th Mass. Infantry,
William A. Cook,	•	May 26	Private,	Co. K, 7th Mass. Infantry,

Post 55, Provincetown.

Nathan A. Gill,	•	Sept. 1	Private,	Co. I, 33d Mass. Infantry,
				Eastham, Mass.

Post 56, Cambridge.

NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	RANK.	ORGANIZATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Caleb B. Shaw,	Aug. 2	Private,	Co. A, 23d Mass. Infantry,	Bangor, Me.
Melville C. Bacelle,	Sept. 8	Private,	Co. B, 38th Mass. Infantry,	Richmond, Me.
Francis Pelkey,	Apr. 23	-	2d Mass. Light Artillery,	-

Post 57, Cambridge.

THOMAS CONLEY,	APR. 15	CORPORAL,	U. S. S. "OMONDAGA,"	BOSTON, MASS.
HENRY WEISSE,	OCT. 24	BUGLER,	CO. E, 56th MASS. INFANTRY,	CAMBRIDGE, MASS.
CHARLES CHICKERING,	NOV. 6	PRIVATE,	1ST N. H. BATTERY,	KITTERY, ME.

Post 58, East Weymouth.

JOHN M. WHITCOMB,	APR. 28	SERGEANT,	CO. C, 4TH MASS. INFANTRY,	HINGHAM, MASS.
MICHAEL RILEY,	SEPT. 27	PRIVATE,	CO. H, 35TH MASS. INFANTRY,	-

Post 60, Franklin.

R. B. MOODY,	JAN. 22	PRIVATE,	CO. I, 42D MASS. INFANTRY,	WINSOR, ME.
JOE. SMITH,	MAR. 16	PRIVATE,	CO. H, 3D MO. INFANTRY,	SMITHFIELD, R. I.
EDGAR THAYER,	OCT. 19	PRIVATE,	CO. B, 4TH WIS. INFANTRY,	BENNINGTON, VT.
A. SANBORN,	OCT. 3	CORPORAL,	CO. H, 50TH MASS. INFANTRY,	BALDWIN, ME.
S. W. NICKERSON,	OCT. 31	CORPORAL,	CO. B, 33D MASS. INFANTRY,	FOXBOROUGH, MASS.
J. McCARTY,	APR. 30	PRIVATE,	CO. A, 4TH MASS. HEAVY ARTILLERY,	IRELAND.

Post 61, Webster.

Patrick Moore,	Jan. 2	Private,	:	:	Co. A, 14th Conn. Infantry,	Ireland.
Rufus L. Day,	Aug. 11	Private,	:	:	Co. G, 51st Mass. Infantry,	Webster, Mass.

Post 62, Newtonville.

F. E. Jenison,	Mar. 10	Private,	:	Co. K, 32d Mass. Infantry,	West Newton, Mass.
Wm. M. Montgomery,	June 22	Lieutenant,	:	Co. D, 61st Mass. Infantry,	Great Barrington, Mass.
Sept. 18	Lieutenant,	:	:	Co. E, 1st Me. Heavy Artillery,	Belfast, Me.
Geo. R. Pote,	Private,	:	:	Co. G, 24th Me. Infantry,	{
Chas. B. Fillebrown,	Dec. 21 {	Lieutenant,	:	Co. C, 29th Me. Infantry,	Winthrop, Me.

Post 63, Natick.

James G. Mann,	Jan. 8	Private,	:	Co. B, 42d Mass. Infantry,	Dover, Mass.
Daniel H. Le Gleason,	Apr. 8	Captain and Major,	:	Co. G, 1st Mass. Cavalry,	Langdon, N. H.
Patrick Fitzgibbon,	Dec. 18	Private,	:	Co. H, 42d Mass. Infantry,	Ireland.

Post 66, Medford.

Joseph A. Cross,	Feb. 10	Private,	:	Co. H, 5th Me. Infantry,	Dover, Me.
Francis Aymar,	Feb. 14	Private,	:	3d and 5th Mass. Battery,	Boston, Mass.
William H. Warren,	May 19	Private,	:	Co. C, 44th Mass. Infantry,	Providence, R. I.
Henry Sharpe,	Oct. 13	Private,	:	Co. K, 6th Mass. Infantry,	Fairlee, Vt.

Post 67, Manchester.

NAME.		DATE OF DEATH.	RANK.	ORGANIZATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Gilman Goldsmith,	:	Feb. 21	Private,	Co. C, 23d Mass. Infantry,	Manchester, Mass.
John G. Haskell,	:	Apr. 5	Private,	2d Mass. Unattached Infantry,	Manchester, Mass.
Simeon T. Sweet,	:	Aug. 15	Corporal,	Co. I, 23d Mass. Infantry,	Exeter, N. H.

Post 68, Dorchester.

Frank H. Dove,	:	Jan. 2	Private,	Co. D, 1st Mass. Infantry,	New Hampshire.
James F. Merrill,	:	Feb. 1	First Lieutenant,	Co. C, 7th R. I. Infantry,	Maine.
James Durham,	:	Mar. 25	-	U. S. Navy,	Ireland.
Henry P. Oakman,	:	Apr. 5	Sergeant,	Co. K, 38th Mass. Infantry,	Marshfield, Mass.
Wm. H. Bowman,	:	June 17	Private,	Co. B, 45th Mass. Infantry,	Milton, Mass.
Samuel Craddock,	:	July 23	Private,	Co. A, 42d Mass. Infantry,	Ireland.
John G. Reed,	:	Aug. 21	Private,	30th Mass. Unattached Infantry,	Plymouth, Mass.
Joseph A. Foster,	:	Sept. 20	Private,	Co. D, 1st Mass. Infantry,	Dorchester, Mass.
Rolland N. Elms,	:	Dec. 15	Private,	Co. E, 1st Mass. Infantry,	South Boston, Mass.
Anton Krasinsky,	:	Dec. 16	Private,	Co. E, 13th Mass. Infantry,	Poland.

Post 69, Westminster.

Sanford A. Sawyer,	.	May 10	Private,	Co. H, 61st Mass. Infantry,	-
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Post 71, Holyoke.

James A. Clough,	:	May 23	Private,	Co. B, 36th N. J. Infantry,	Chicopee Falls, Mass.
Peter J. Donnelly,	:	Nov. 23	Landsman,	U. S. Navy,	Ireland.

Post 72, Stoughton.

Benjamin C. Crabtree,	.	Jan. 27	Private,	.	Co. B, 35th Mass. Infantry,	.	North Haven, Me.
Robert Barlow,	.	Feb. 5	Sergeant,	.	Co. K, 9th Mass. Infantry,	.	Ireland.
Joseph F. Beare,	.	Apr. 13	Private,	.	29th Mass. Unattached Heavy Artillery,	.	Foxborough, Mass.
John McCormick,	.	May 30	Private,	.	20th Mass. Unattached Infantry,	.	Ireland.
Lewis J. N. Hierie,	.	July 29	Private,	.	Co. E, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	.	Boston, Mass.
Henry L. Fisher,	.	Oct. 21	Private,	.	Co. C, 21st Mass. Infantry,	.	Stoughton, Mass.
				.	Co. I, 36th Mass. Infantry,	.	
				.	Co. C, 36th Mass. Infantry,	.	
				.	Co. C, 47th Mass. Infantry,	.	
				.	29th Mass. Unattached Heavy Artillery,	.	

Post 73, Abington.

James O. Judkins,	.	Feb. 2	Private,	.	Co. D, 17th Mass. Infantry,	.	Boston, Mass.
John W. Sproul,	.	Mar. 9	Sergeant and Private,	.	Co. E, 4th Mass. Infantry,	.	Abington, Mass.
Justin Meserve,	.	Mar. 21	Private,	.	Co. G, 12th Mass. Infantry,	.	Abington, Mass.
Leonard Belcher,	.	Aug. 3	Private,	.	Co. K, 33d Mass. Infantry,	.	Randolph, Mass.
Isaiah Cushman,	.	Aug. 21	Sergeant,	.	Co. F, 9th Me. Infantry,	.	Sumner, Me.
Francis M. Gurney,	.	Aug. 30	Private,	.	Co. F, 32d Mass. Infantry,	.	Abington, Mass.
Francis Chamberlain,	.	Nov. 6	Private,	.	{ 18th Me. Heavy Artillery,	.	Hanover, Mass.
				.	Co. E, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	.	

Post 74, Rockland.

Elbridge Payne,	.	Jan. 12	Private,	.	Co. G, 43d Mass. Infantry,	.	Abington, Mass.
Chas. L. Stevens,	.	Jan. 17	Private,	.	Co. M, 4th Mass. Cavalry,	.	Abington, Mass.
Fred L. Young,	.	Mar. 24	Private,	.	Co. I, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery,	.	Lawrence, Mass.
Chas. H. Pool,	.	May 30	Private,	.	Co. A, 60th Mass. Infantry,	.	Hudson, N. Y.
Darius H. Everson,	.	July 20	Private,	.	Co. D, 56th Mass. Infantry,	.	East Abington, Mass.
Sewell S. Goodrich,	.	Aug. 4	Private,	.	Co. F, 58th Mass. Infantry,	.	Hanover, Mass.
David J. Lantz,	.	Aug. 5	Private,	.	Co. A, 42d Mass. Infantry,	.	Nova Scotia.

Post '76, Plymouth.

NAME.		DATE OF DEATH.		RANK.		ORGANIZATION.		PLACE OF BIRTH.
Franklin M. Holmes,	.	Nov. 22	Private,	.	.	Co. E, 6th Mass. Infantry,	.	Plymouth, Mass.
Norman F. Cate,	.	Nov. 19	Private,	.	.	9th Mass. Battery,	.	Cambridge, Mass.
William H. Gray,	.	Oct. 9	Landsman,	.	.	U. S. S. "Constitution,"	.	Prince George, Va.
Joshua T. Winsor,	.	July 28	Private,	.	.	Co. H, 48th Mass. Infantry,	.	Duxbury, Mass.

Post '77, Holden.

Emory Rogers,	.	Sept. 22	Lieutenant,	.	.	{ Co. B, 51st Mass. Infantry, 3d Battalion Rifles,	.	Holden, Mass.
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Post '78, Whitman.

John Welch,	.	Feb. 2	Private,	.	.	Co. K, 7th Mass. Infantry,	.	-
A. Alden Read,	.	Feb. 20	Private,	.	.	Co. E, 4th Mass. Infantry,	.	-
James E. Bates,	.	Mar. 1	Sergeant,	.	.	Co. C, 38th Mass. Infantry,	.	-
Levi C. Vaughan,	.	Mar. 4	Private,	.	.	Co. G, 38th Mass. Infantry,	.	-
Victor O. Freeman,	.	May 31	Private,	.	.	Co. I, 6th Mass. Cavalry,	.	-
John E. Brown,	.	July 31	Private,	.	.	Co. H, 16th Mass. Unattached Infantry,	.	-
Geo. H. Howe,	.	Sept. 18	Private,	.	.	Co. C, 38th Mass. Infantry,	.	-

Post '80, Westborough.

Herman J. Kessell,	.	Feb. 1	Private,	.	.	Co. B, 47th Mass. Infantry,	.	Cambridge, Mass.
James Burns,	.	May 7	Private,	.	.	Co. I, 50th Mass. Infantry,	.	Ireland.
Wm. M. Aldrich,	.	Oct. 11	Private,	.	.	Co. C, 34th Mass. Infantry,	.	Northborough, Mass.

Willard M. Southworth,	Oct.	27	Corporal,	Co. E, 42d Mass. Infantry,	New Britain, Conn.
Hiram O. Berry,	Nov.	4	Private,	Co. D, 13th Mass. Infantry,	Campion, N. H.
Francis A. Brigham,	Nov.	6	Private,	Co. K, 13th Mass. Infantry,	{Westborough, Mass.
				Co. E, 31st Mass. Infantry,	

Post 81, Watertown.

B. H. Dow, N. J. Spring,	Aug. 30 Oct. 8	Corporal, Musician,	Co. C, 39th Mass. Infantry, 3d Brigade, 3d Division, 34th Corps,	Wellfleet, Mass. Ireland.
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Post 82, Marblehead.

Richard C. Hiller,	Feb.	4	Private,	27th Mass. Unattached Infantry, .
Charles E. Osborne,	Feb.	16	Private,	10th Mass. Battery, .
Frank W. Vincent,	June	4	Private,	Co. B, 8th Mass. Infantry, .
William P. Brown,	June	15	Private,	Co. G, 23d Mass. Infantry, .
James L. Pierce,	July	14	Private,	Co. A, 23d Mass. Infantry, .
John Dunn,	July	16	Private,	Co. C, 8th Mass. Infantry, .
William H. Bartol,	Oct.	27	Seaman,	U. S. S. "Huron" and "Nahant," Boston, Mass.
				Marblehead, Mass.
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Post 83, Hanover.

Rodolphus C. Waterman	Sept. 14	Corporal,	Co. D, 44th Mass. Infantry,	South Scituate, Mass.
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Post 85, Ware.

Post 86, Northampton.

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Organization.	Place of Birth.
Gilbert A. Warfield,	Jan. 16	Private,	Co. H, 31st Mass. Infantry,	Blandford, Mass.
Charles R. Farr,	Jan. 30	Sergeant,	Co. F, 1st Vt. Cavalry,	Chesterfield, N. H.
Henry A. Ives,	Feb. 24	Private,	{ Co. C, 10th Mass. Infantry, Co. E, 5th U. S. Artillery,	Williamsburg, Mass.
John H. Godfrey,	Feb. 27	Private,	Co. C, 32d Mass. Infantry,	Goshen, Mass.
Louis Nagle,	Mar. 18	Private,	5th N. Y. Cavalry,	Germany.
Merritt F. Sampson,	Apr. 18	Private,	Co. C, 4th Mass. Cavalry,	Stamford, Vt.
Francis D. Mosseau,	Apr. 30	Private,	2d Mass. Battery,	Canada.
Charles T. Billings,	May 20	Private,	U. S. Navy,	North Hadley, Mass.
Joseph H. Brooks,	May 29	Private,	Co. E, 27th Mass. Infantry,	Baltimore, Md.
Charles E. Stevens,	June 12	Private,	Co. E, 42d Mass. Infantry,	Greenwood, Me.
Alvin D. Dimmore,	July 30	Musician,	Co. K, 52d Mass. Infantry,	Conway, Mass.
Henry A. Bisbee,	Aug. 8	Private,	Co. I, 52d Mass. Infantry,	Chesterfield, Mass.
Ogdon D. Bucknam,	Oct. 24	Private,	Co. G, 37th Mass. Infantry,	Northampton, Mass.
Edward P. Nally,	Dec. 6	Private,	{ Co. C, 10th Mass. Infantry, Co. B, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Ireland.

Post 87, Braintree.

Oscar H. Monroe,	Jan. 30	Private,	Co. B, 62d Mass. Infantry,	Natick, Mass.
Edward A. Hale,	May 29	Private,	Co. B, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Madison, Me.
Royal Belcher,	May 4	Corporal,	Co. I, 3d Mass. Cavalry,	Braintree, Mass.

Post 88, Quincy.

Lewis G. McIntyre,	Jan. 22	Private,	Co. G, 24th Mass. Infantry,	Dunbarton, N. H.
Harrison G. O. Newcomb,	Jan. 23	Private,	Co. D, 30th Mass. Infantry,	Braintree, Mass.
Charles Cummings,	Jan. 30	Private,	Co. F, 18th Mass. Infantry,	Quincy, Mass.
Jonathan J. Green,	Dec. 15	Private,	Co. B, 18th Mass. Infantry,	England.

Post 89, Beverly.

Joseph F. Rogers,	:	July 16	Private,	:	Co. F, 5th Mass. Infantry,	:	Guysboro, N. S.
George C. Bowden,	:	Sept. 10	Private,	:	Co. C, 1st Mass. Infantry,	:	Frederickton, N. B.
Amos A. Andrews,	:	Sept. 28	Private,	:	25th Mass. Unattached Infantry,	:	Glooucester, Mass.
John Glidden,	:	Oct. 4	Private,	:	Co. G, 23d Mass. Infantry,	:	Beverly, Mass.
James M. Andrews,	:	Nov. 9	Private,	:	2d Mass. Unattached Infantry,	:	Manchester, Mass.
Hugh J. Munsey,	:	Dec. 21	Lieutenant,	:	Co. E, 8th Mass. Infantry,	:	Beverly, Mass.
Samuel A. F. Whipple,	:	Dec. 21	Private,	:	Co. A, 44th Mass. Infantry,	:	Somerville, Mass.

Post 90, Danvers.

E. H. Gilford,	:	Jan. 13	Sergeant,	:	Co. C, 24th Mass. Infantry,	:	-
A. J. Stetson,	:	Feb. 26	Private,	:	Co. R, 8th Mass. Infantry,	:	-
Edward Blake,	:	Aug. 29	Private,	:	Co. A, 23d Mass. Infantry,	:	-
J. H. Burnsville,	:	Sept. 17	Private,	:	Co. G, 58th Mass. Infantry,	:	-

Post 91, Foxborough.

J. B. Davidson,	:	Jan. 20	-	Co. D, 5th N. Y. Heavy Artillery,	:	-	
W. W. Turner,	:	Mar. 8	Private,	:	Co. F, 4th Mass. Cavalry,	:	-
J. F. Kennedy,	:	Oct. 21	-	Co. B, 4th Mass. Cavalry,	:	-	
							Foxborough, Mass.
							Ireland.

Post 92, Brighton.

John Manix,	:	Jan. 18	Corporal,	:	Co. I, 29th Mass. Infantry,	:	Ireland.
William Wells,	:	Feb. 4	Private,	:	Co. D, 17th Vt. Infantry,	:	Fairfax, Vt.
H. W. Martin,	:	Apr. 20	Second Lieutenant,	:	Co. F, 1st Me. Sharpshooter,	:	Bradford, Me.
H. P. Kennedy,	:	May 19	Corporal,	:	1st Mass. Unattached Infantry,	:	Boston, Mass.
John F. Fitzpatrick,	:	Aug. 9	Private,	:	Co. G, 2d Md. Infantry,	:	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Wallace R. Marie,	:	Aug. 27	Yeoman,	:	U. S. Navy,	:	Worcester, Mass.

Post 93, Shelburne Falls.

NAME.		Date of Death.		Rank.		Organization.		Place of Birth.
Edward Ritchie,	:	Jan. 16	Private,	•	•	Co. E, 52d Mass. Infantry,	•	Ireland.
James F. Hunter,	:	Feb. -	Private,	•	•	Co. C, 31st Mass. Infantry,	•	"

Post 95, Saugus.

Elisha Bragg,	:	Oet. 4	Private,	•	•	Co. A, 40th Mass. Infantry,	•	-
Warren A. Kimball,	:	Oet. 29	Private,	•	•	Co. F, 15th N. H. Infantry,	•	Bradford, Mass.

Post 97, Belchertown.

Lewis W. Gleason,	:	Nov. 25	Private,	•	•	Co. I, 27th Mass. Infantry,	•	Wilbraham, Mass.
Geo. W. Coleman,	:	Oet. 15	Private,	•	•	Co. D, 27th Mass. Infantry,	•	South Hampton, Mass.
Thomas H. Dewey,	:	Jan. 9	Private,	•	•	Co. K, 27th Mass. Infantry,	•	Amherst, Mass.

Post 98, Cohasset.

Horace E. Sampson,	:	Oet. -	Private,	•	•	18th Mass. Infantry,	•	Duxbury, Mass.
L. G. Serovitch,	:	Dee. 18	Private,	•	•	47th Mass. Infantry,	•	Hull, Mass.

Post 101, Groveland.

William J. Ahearn,	.	Aug. 2	Private,	•	•	14th Me. Light Artillery,	•	Ireland.
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Post 103, Chicopee.

John Hines,	Jan. 30	Second Lieutenant,	Co. E, 31st Mass. Infantry,
Frank Valeour,	Feb. 12	Private,	Co. G, 15th Vt. Infantry,
Arthur A. Goff,	July 20	Private,	Co. D, 46th Mass. Infantry,

Post 104, Hingham.

Fred C. Blair,	June 6	Seaman,	U. S. S. "Anderson" and "Ohio,"
John J. Breen,	Nov. 18	Corporal,	Co. B, 9th Mass. Infantry,

Post 108, Georgetown.

Charles O. Larkin,	Nov. 30	Private,	Co. C, 19th Mass. Infantry,

Post 110, Randolph.

Fred Chandler,	Aug. 9	Private,	Co. D, 4th Mass. Infantry,
Wm. Coakley,	June 26	Private,	Co. H, 38th Mass. Infantry,
Alva M. Nightingale,	Apr. 23	Private,	Co. B, 1st Batt. Mass. Heavy Artillery,

Post 111, Pembroke.

Anson Hatch,	Sept. 27	Private,	Co. G, 18th Mass. Infantry,

Post 112, Norwell.

NAME,	Date of Death.	Rank.	Organization.	Place of Birth.
David P. Robinson, . . .	Jan. 22	Private, . . .	{ Co. K, 7th Mass. Infantry, Co. H, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery, . . . }	Hingham, Mass.

Post 113, Boston.

Lewis Eddy, . . .	Jan. 9	Drummer, . . .	Co. F, 42d Mass. Infantry, . . .	Boston, Mass.
Paul H. Kendricksen, . . .	Feb. 5	Second Assistant Engineer, . . .	U. S. Navy, . . .	Ireland.
Josiah H. Benton, . . .	Feb. 6	Private, . . .	Co. H, 12th Vt. Infantry, . . .	Addison, Vt.
Thomas L. O'Brien, . . .	Apr. 12	Captain's Clerk, . . .	U. S. Navy, . . .	Portland, Me.
A. Parker Browne, . . .	July 16	Major, . . .	40th Mass. Infantry, . . .	Salem, Mass.
Newman W. Storer, . . .	Oct. 31	Captain, . . .	7th Mass. Battery, . . .	Plymouth, Mass.
Peter J. Rooney, . . .	Nov. 6	Captain, . . .	Co. H, 5th Mass. Cavalry, . . .	Boston, Mass.
Henry M. Upham, . . .	Nov. 24	Male, . . .	U. S. Navy, . . .	Nantucket, Mass.
Edwin C. McFarland, . . .	Dec. 28	Captain, . . .	Co. A, 1st Mass. Infantry, . . .	Bowdoinham, Me.
Ephraim B. Stallings, . . .	Dec. 30	Private, . . .	Co. A, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery, . . .	Somersworth, N. H.

Post 116, Gardner.

Ephraim D. Howe, . . .	Feb. 13	Private, . . .	Co. I, 5th Mass. Infantry, . . .	Marlborough, Mass.
Charles B. Beckwith, . . .	Mar. 14	Private, . . .	Co. B, 49th Mass. Infantry, . . .	Great Barrington, Mass.
George H. Ross, . . .	Sept. 24	Private, . . .	Co. A, 3d N. H. Infantry, . . .	Lowell, Mass.
John Simonds, . . .	Dec. 10	Private, . . .	{ Co. G, 53d Mass. Infantry, . . . } . . .	Ashby, Mass.

Post 117, Medfield.

Eben Granville Babcock, . . .	July 10	Private, . . .	Co. H, 33d Mass. Infantry, . . .	Medfield, Mass.
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Post 118, Swampscott.

Richard Martin,	Dec. 6	Private,	• • • •	10th Mass. Battery,	Marblehead, Mass.
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Post 119, Lexington.

Frank V. Butters,	Feb. 10	Private,	• • • •	Co. K, 5th Mass. Infantry,	Lexington, Mass.
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Post 120, Lowell.

Benjamin F. Crosby,	Jan. 6	Corporal,	• • •	{ Co. C, 6th Mass. Infantry, 7th Mass. Battery, }
Elmore R. Fife,	Apr. 3	Private,	• • •	Co. C, 2d N. H. Infantry, . . . . .	. . . . .
William Clifford,	Apr. 15	Private,	• • •	Co. B, 2d N. H. Infantry, . . . . .	. . . . .
John Collins,	June 26	Seaman,	• • •	U. S. S. "North Carolina," and "Clara Dawson," . . . . .	. . . . .
George M. Clark,	Aug. 6	Private,	• • •	Co. E, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery, . . . . .	. . . . .
Charles L. Fuller,	Aug. 12	Private,	• • •	4th N. H. Infantry, . . . . .	. . . . .
Peter Littlehale,	Nov. 16	Private,	• • •	Co. D, 6th Mass. Infantry, . . . . .	. . . . .
Charles F. Dane,	Nov. 29	Private,	• • •	Co. D, 6th Mass. Infantry, . . . . .	. . . . .
Walter Farwell,	Dec. 19	Private,	• • •	Co. A, 5th Mass. Infantry, . . . . .	. . . . .

Post 121, Hyde Park.

Henry V. Harwood,	Jan. 31	Private,	• • •	Co. K, 28th Me. Infantry,	Charlestown, Mass.
William A. Morey,	May 22	Captain,	• • •	Co. K, 11th R. I. Infantry,	Uxbridge, Mass.
Orrin Q. Brown,	July 13	Sergeant,	• • •	Co. D, 2d Ohio Infantry,	Berwick, Me.
John W. Sanborn,	Sept. 11	Fireman,	• • •	U. S. S. "Kearsarge,"	Portsmouth, N. H.
Albion P. Bickmore,	Sept. 29	Private,	• • •	Co. D, 11th Me. Infantry,	Oldtown, Me.

Post 122, Amesbury.

NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	RANK.	ORGANIZATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Dudley E. Gale,	Dec. 26	Private,	{ 2d Mass. Unattached Cavalry, Co. I, 3d Mass. Cavalry,	{ Methuen, Mass.
William H. Rand,	Apr. 22	Private,	2d Mass. Unattached Cavalry,	Champlain, N. Y.
George N. Janvrin,	Apr. 23	Sergeant,	Co. D, 14th N. H. Infantry,	Seabrook, N. H.
Joseph O. Stearns,	Sept. 9	Private,	3d Mass. Unattached Infantry,	Newburyport, Mass.

Post 123, Athol.

Benjamin W. Spooner,	Aug. 15	Corporal,	Co. F, 53d Mass. Infantry,	Petersham, Mass.
Horace Drury,	Dec. 14	Private,	Co. F, 53d Mass. Infantry,	Athol, Mass.
George A. Barrows,	June 4	Private,	Co. B, 18th N. H. Infantry,	Richmond, N. H.

Post 125, Pittsfield.

Henry F. Taylor,	June 5	Corporal,	Co. K, 11th R. I. Infantry,	Providence, R. I.
Emory S. Horton,	Jan. 10	Private,	Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry,	Windsor, Mass.
Rufus A. Teeling,	Feb. 14	Private,	8th N. Y. Artillery,	Greenbush, N. Y.
Chas. A. Reed,	June 5	Private,	1st N. Y. Rifles,	Nassau, N. Y.

Post 126, Adams.

Henry A. Sheldon,	Mar. 24	Private,	Co. D, 61st Mass. Infantry,	Monroe, Mass.
Nelson U. Bowen,	Apr. 17	Private,	Co. G, 27th Mass. Infantry,	— — —
Harvey Sherman,	Oct. 8	Private,	Co. E, 31st Mass. Infantry,	Adams, Mass.

Post 127, Hanson.

William Wallace Hood,	May 21	Private,	Co. A, 3d Mass. Infantry,	Turner, Me.
Thomas G. Clark,	May 29	Private,	Co. C, 29th Mass. Infantry,	Hanson, Mass.
Charles Bingley Ford,	Oct. 16	Private,	Co. A, 138th Ohio Infantry,	Pembroke, Mass.

Post 128, Ipswich.

George H. Sargent,	Jan. 20	Private,	Co. I, 23d Mass. Infantry,	Gloucester, Mass.
Henry P. Boynton,	May 23	Artificer,	Co. A, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Rowley, Mass.

Post 131, Leicester.

George W. Rice,	Mar. 7	Private,	25th Mass. Infantry,	-
Henry Bisco,	Mar. 11	Private,	{ Co. F, 26th N. Y. Cavalry,	-
John F. Brooks,	June 14	Private,	Co. F, 42d Mass. Infantry,	-
Charles M. Marsh,	Aug. 18	Private,	Co. C, 2d Regular Cavalry,	-
			Co. F, 42d Mass. Infantry,	-

Post 132, Sandwich.

Lysander B. Coffrey,	Jan. 2	Ordinary Seaman,	U. S. Navy,	Mashpee, Mass.
Stephen M. Jones,	Jan. 3	Private,	Co. E, 40th Mass. Infantry,	Barnstable, Mass.

Post 134, Boston.

Richard Holmes,	Jan. 18	Bugler,	Co. B, 5th Mass. Colored Cavalry,	Maryland.
Scott Green,	Jan. 19	Private,	Co. K, 1st U. S. Colored Troops,	Pennsylvania.
William James,	Feb. 20	Private,	Co. F, 5th Mass. Colored Cavalry,	Virginia.
Henry James,	Mar. 20	Private,	Co. F, 54th Mass. Colored Infantry,	North Carolina.
Spottswood Burrell,	Apr. 17	Private,	Co. F, 31st U. S. Colored Troops,	Virginia.

Post 137, East Douglas.

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Organization.	Place of Birth.
Charles J. Briggs,	Apr. 29	Private,	Co. F, 36th Mass. Infantry . . .	Manchaug, Mass.
<i>Post 138, West Acton.</i>				
James E. Richardson,	Feb. 20	-	Co. B, 6th Mass. Infantry . . .	{ Groton, Mass.
D. Wilson,	Oct. 10	-	Co. K, 6th N. H. Infantry, . . .	- - - }

Post 138, West Acton.

Post 140, Athol.

J. P. B. Wells,		Feb.	2	Private, Saddler,	Co. B, 9th R. I. Infantry, Co. G, 3d R. I. Cavalry,	West Greenwich, R. I.
Marble Blodgett,		Feb.	17	Private,	Co. C, 27th Mass. Infantry,	Wendell, Mass.
William Hackett,		June 15		Private,	Co. A, 10th N. Y. Infantry,	New York.

Post 141, Harwich.

Henry W. Mallows, Feb. 2 Private, Co. A, 58th Mass. Infantry, Chatham, Mass.

Post 143, Brookline.

Herbert C. Baker,
William B. Sears,

Jan. 17 Musician,
Nov. 13 Captain,

Co. K, Vt. Infantry,
Co. F, 2d R. I. Infantry,

Guilford, Vt.
Hamilton, N. Y.

Post 144. Dedham.

Henry Sherwin,	Lieutenant,	Jan. 11	U. S. Navy,	Boston, Mass.
Gillson A. Berry,	Private,	June 7	Cos. E and C, 12th Me. Infantry,	Denmark, Me.
William Ratcliffe,	Sergeant,	July 23	Co. I, 5th Pa. Cavalry,	Birmingham, Eng.
Robert S. Clisby,	Private,	Dec. 7	Co. E, 4th Me. Infantry,	Boothbay, Me.
Arnold A. Rand,	Colonel,	Dec. 22	4th Mass. Cavalry,	Boston, Mass.

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George L. Sweet,	Jan. 19	Private,	Co. H, 7th Mass. Infantry,	Attleboro, Mass.
Samuel W. Smith,	Feb. 14	Seaman,	U. S. S. "Geo. Maughan,"	Ireland.
Peter Bulley,	May 9	Private,	15th Mass. Infantry,	Whitehall, N. Y.
George W. Mathews,	July 11	Private,	Co. A, 32d Me. Infantry,	Warren, Me.

Post 146, Lawrence.

NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	RANK.	ORGANIZATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Thaddeus P. Tuttle,	Mar. 27	Private,	Co. F. 6th Mass. Infantry,	Canaan, Me.
Gustavus R. Cilley,	Mar. 27	Private,	Co. A, 6th N. H. Infantry,	Hebron, N. H.
Stephen C. Parsons,	May 28	Private,	Co. C, 40th Mass. Infantry,	Newburyport, Mass.
Edgar G. Pratt,	Nov. 13	Private,	Co. B, 4th Mass. Infantry,	Freeport, Me.
George E. Buttrick,	Nov. 23	Private,	Co. E, 44th Mass. Infantry,	Boston, Mass.
Orlando Lawrence,	Dec. 9	Captain,	Co. B, 7th N. H. Infantry,	Clarendon, Vt.

Post 147, Amherst.

Carlos P. Lyman,	Mar. 17	Private,	Co. H, 6th Ohio Cavalry,	Mesopotamia, Ohio.
William I. Fletcher,	June 15	Captain,	100th U. S. Colored Troops,	Burlington, Vt.
George F. Abney,	Sept. 28	Private,	Co. H, 66th Mass. Infantry,	Belchertown, Mass.
Francis P. Wheeler,	Dec. 5	Corporal,	Co. H, 46th Mass. Infantry,	Hadley, Mass.
		Private,	Co. F, 37th Mass. Infantry,	

Post 149, Charlestown.

John N. Labryen,	Feb. 2	Seaman,	U. S. Marine Corps,	Sweden.
Patrick J. Bench,	Feb. 12	Private,	Co. H, 26th Mass. Infantry,	Ireland.
Eugene A. Sullivan,	Mar. 12	Private,	19th Unattached Infantry,	Boston, Mass.
Jacob Wiggin,	Apr. 21	Private,	U. S. S. "Colorado,"	Franklin, Mass.
Edward Lyman,	Oct. 24	First Class Bugler,	Co. I, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Boston, Mass.
John Tatton,	Nov. 29	Private,		Charlestown, Mass.

Post 153, Winchendon.

Edwin R. Pollard,	Apr. 20	Private,	Co. D, 2d Mass. Infantry,	Winchendon, Mass.
Morton E. Converse,	Aug. 25	Sergeant,	Co. H, 6th N. H. Infantry,	Ridge, N. H.

Post 154, Kingston.

Otis W. Phinney,	:	May 24	Private,	:	Co. E, 29th Mass. Infantry,	:	:	Plympton, Mass.
John C. Bagnall,	:	July 14	Private,	:	Co. H, 36th Wis. Infantry,	:	:	New Hampton, N. H.
			Private,	:	Co. K, 11th Me. Infantry,	:	:	Kingston, Mass.

Post 156, Everett.

John A. Watson,	:	Sept. 23	Private,	:	Co. H, 43d Mass. Infantry,	:	:	Chelsea, Mass.
Wm. H. Haines,	:	Oct. 25	Private,	:	Co. H, 36th Wis. Infantry,	:	:	New Hampton, N. H.
Geo. C. Gould,	:	Nov. 26	Private,	:	Co. K, 11th Me. Infantry,	:	:	Atkinson, Me.

Post 159, East Boston.

Adelphus Leavitt,	:	Jan. 8	Private,	:	Co. G, 28th Me. Infantry,	:	:	South Hope, Me.
James O. Dow,	:	Aug. 19	First Lieutenant,	:	Co. E, 4th Mass. Cavalry,	:	:	Livermore, Me.

Post 160, West Brookfield.

J. G. Warren,	:	Feb. 5	Corporal,	:	Co. B, 25th Mass. Infantry,	:	:	Oakham, Mass.
I. N. Jones,	:	June -	Private,	:	Co. E, 4th Mass. Cavalry,	:	:	Brewster, Mass.

Post 161, Woburn.

A. A. Fish,	:	Jan. 5	Private,	:	Co. L, 1st Me. Cavalry,	:	:	Leeds, Me.
Charles H. Johnson,	:	Feb. 14	Corporal,	:	Co. K, 39th Mass. Infantry,	:	:	Woburn, Mass.
George E. Fowle,	:	July 6	Sergeant,	:	Co. K, 39th Mass. Infantry,	:	:	Reading, Mass.
J. Fred Leslie,	:	Sept. 2	Private,	:	Co. K, 39th Mass. Infantry,	:	:	Portsmouth, N. H.
Joseph H. Field,	:	Sept. 19	Sergeant,	:	Co. K, 5th Mass. Infantry,	:	-	-
Joseph H. Buck,	:	Dec. 10	Private,	:	Co. D, 6th Mass. Infantry,	:	:	Stoneham, Mass.
Henry C. Hall,	:	Dec. 21	Captain,	:	Co. H, 1st Me. Cavalry,	:	:	Waterville, Me.

Post 168, Southbridge.

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.		Organization.		Place of Birth.
Charles E. Lombard,	Jan. 2	Private,		Co. G, 46th Mass. Infantry,		Massachusetts.
Alvin Streeton,	Nov. 8	Private,		Co. H, 51st Mass. Infantry,		Southbridge, Mass.

Post 169, Norwood.

Jarvis G. Fairbanks,	Dec. 19	Private,		C. Co. D, 43d Mass. Infantry,		Lee, N. H.
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Post 170, Mansfield.

Joseph N. Tibbets,	Dec. 9	Private,		C. Co. D, 43d Mass. Infantry,		Lee, N. H.
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Post 171, Northfield.

George P. Field,	Oct. 13	Private,		22d and 27th Mass. Infantry,		Montague, Mass.
Charles E. Davis,	Nov. 15	Private,		Co. K, 15th Vt. Infantry,		Winhall, Vt.
Lewis Fowler,	Nov. 17	Private,		Co. L, 3d Mass. Cavalry,		Worcester, Mass.

Post 174, Greenfield.

David Henry,	Aug. 25	Private,		Co. H, 10th Mass. Infantry,		Rowe, Mass.
Arthur C. Phillips,	Oct. 9	Private,		Co. H, 4th Mass. Infantry,		Greenfield, Mass.
Matthew Dooley,	Dec. 17	Private,		Co. E, 3d Mass. Cavalry,		Ireland.
J. Solon Clark,	Dec. 19	Private,		Co. B, 32d Mass. Infantry,		Wendell, Mass.

Post 179, Barre.

J. Harding Allen,	Jan. 3	Private,	Co. F, 53d Mass. Infantry,	Barre.
Hiram Ward,	Jan. 22	-	Co. H, 60th Mass. Infantry,	-
Erastus B. Richardson,	Mar. 24	-	Co. K, 21st Mass. Infantry,	Jaffrey, N. H.
C. N. Winship,	Dec. 29	-	Co. F, 53d Mass. Infantry,	-

Post 180, Concord.

George B. Cunningham,	July 28	Private,	Co. F, 2d Vt. Infantry,	Ireland.
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Post 182, Somerset.

Benjamin F. Hathaway,	Sept. 4	Private,	18th Mass. Unattached Company,	Dighton, Mass.
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Post 185, Lowell.

Edwin S. Fowler,	Feb. -	Private,	Co. K, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Canada.
Benj. S. Clough,	Mar. 12	Private,	Co. H, 60th Mass. Infantry,	Georgetown, Mass.
John H. Caverly,	Mar. 22	Private,	Co. E, Frontier Cavalry,	Lowell, Mass.
Thomas Smith,	May 16	Private,	Co. C, 6th Mass. Infantry,	Goffstown, N. H.
Chas. B. Kitchen,	June 11	Private,	15th Mass. Battery,	Lowell, Mass.
John H. Colburn,	Oct. -	Private,	Co. G, 6th Mass. Infantry,	Alexandria, N. H.
Dr. Wm. H. Lathrop,	Dec. 25	Assistant Surgeon,	Co. K, 6th Mass. Infantry,	Enfield, Mass.
			Co. F, 44th Mass. Infantry,	
			55th Mass. Infantry,	

Post 189, Marshfield Hills.

Andrew L. Damon,	Mar. 31	Ship Carpenter,	Fort Donelson,	Marshfield, Mass.
Judson Ewell,	Nov. 1	Sergeant,	2d D. C. Infantry,	Marshfield, Mass.

Post 190, New Bedford.

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Organization.	Place of Birth.
William N. Legg,	Jan. 14	Private,	Co. E, 58th Mass. Infantry,	Island of St. Helena.
William L. Kelley,	Feb. 6	Private,	Co. A, 3d Mass. Cavalry,	Sydney, Me.
William H. Wilcox,	Feb. 15	Corporal,	Co. F, 10th Conn. Infantry,	Foster, R. I.
Herbert K. Haskins,	Feb. 20	Private,	15th Mass. Unattached Infantry,	New Bedford, Mass.
Charles F. Trull,	Feb. 23	Private,	Co. H, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	Reading, Mass.
Nelson E. Jewett,	Feb. 24	Private,	Co. K, 6th Mass. Infantry,	Amherst, N. H.
Thomas D. Dexter,	Apr. 3	Private,	Co. E, 3d Mass. Infantry,	Mattapoisett, Mass.
Abial S. Ashley,	Apr. 17	Private,	29th Mass. Unattached Heavy Artillery,	Acushnet, Mass.
Daniel V. Smith,	Apr. 20	Sergeant,	{ Co. A, 18th Mass. Infantry, Co. D, 47th Mass. Infantry,	Edgartown, Mass.
Albert A. Potter,	Apr. 21	Private,	Co. D, 1st Conn. Heavy Artillery,	{ Eastford, Conn. Dartmouth, Mass.
Albert A. Crapo,	May 1	Ordinary Seaman,	U. S. Navy,	Warren, R. I.
Deleg Bosworth,	June 21	Corporal,	Co. I, 9th R. I. Infantry,	New Bedford, Mass.
Charles M. Dredick,	July 22	Private,	Co. E, 3d Mass. Infantry,	West Greenwich, R. I.
Benjamin W. Potter,	July 31	Private,	Co. H, 1st R. I. Cavalry,	Killingly, Conn.
Henry W. Brown,	Aug. 2	Private,	Co. K, 7th Conn. Infantry,	Fairhaven, Mass.
James F. Lawrence,	Aug. 16	Seaman,	U. S. S. "Dover,"	Tiverton, R. I.
Andrew J. Mosher,	Nov. 6	Seaman,	U. S. Navy,	"

Post 191, Boston.

Albert S. Fox,	Jan. 4	Private,	Co. D, 52d Mass. Infantry,	Whately, Mass.
Goo. A. Cole,	Jan. 9	Drummer,	Co. H, 11th Mass. Infantry,	Salem, Mass.
Frederic A. Marsh,	Feb. 10	Quartermaster Sergeant,	11th Mass. Battery,	Boston, Mass.
Charles H. Bingham,	Feb. 28	Private,	13th Mass. Infantry and Adjutant-General's Office,	Belfast, Me.
Justus P. Weston,	Mar. 4	Musican,	2d Brigade, 1st Division, 2d Corps,	Woburn, Mass.
James Leonard,	Oct. 8	Private,	5th Mass. Infantry, 3d Artillery,	Halifax, N. S.

Post 193, Anon.

Charles B. Oliver,	July 7	Private,	Co. K, 11th Mass. Infantry,	East Stoughton, Mass.
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Post 194, Reading.

Edwin R. Roundy,	Feb. 6	Private,	Co. F, 1st N. H. Artillery,	Lempster, N. H.
Geo. W. Cook,	Feb. 14	Private,	{ Co. D, 50th Mass. Infantry,	Lynnfield, Mass.
Henry G. Gay,	Apr. 13 {	Private,	{ Co. E, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery,	
		1st Sergeant,	{ Co. B, 10th R. I. Infantry,	
			{ Co. F, 28th Conn. Infantry,	Lebanon, Conn.
John J. Murphy,	Apr. 28	Private,	{ Co. C, 1st Mass. Infantry,	
Samuel Brown,	June 7	Private,	{ Co. B, U. S. Engineers,	St. John, N. B.
David Whelton,	July 10	Corporal,	{ Co. D, 39th Mass. Infantry,	Ireland.
Geo. W. Nichols,	Sept. 22	Private,	{ Co. B, 1st Mass. Cavalry,	Ireland.
Wm. H. Baker,	Sept. 30	Private,	{ 2d Co. Mass. Sharpshooters,	
			{ Co. E, 8th Mass. Infantry,	Andover, Mass.
			{ Co. C, 46th Mass. Infantry,	
			{ Stafford, Conn. . . .	

Post 197, Pittsfield.

J. Wesley Noble,	June 1	Private,	Co. K, 8th Mass. Infantry,	Washington, Mass.
Alfred S. Lovejoy,	Feb. 18	Private,	Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry,	Hudson, N. Y.
F. P. Farrington,	Feb. 26	Private,	12th N. Y. Independent Battery,	New Ashford, Mass.
Martin Mee,	Mar. 10	Private,	3d U. S. Light Artillery,	Ireland.
Thos. L. Lowden,	May 19	Private,	Co. A, 61st Mass. Infantry,	Monroe, Mass.
H. C. Grant,	Oct. 5	Private,	Co. C, 49th Mass. Infantry,	Homden, N. Y.
Wm. M. Wells,	Oct. 9	Second Lieutenant,	Co. C, 49th Mass. Infantry,	Lenox, Mass.

Post 200, Jamaica Plain.

NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	RANK.	ORGANIZATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Anthony Bihler,	Feb. 26	Private,	1st Ind. Light Artillery,	Bolivar, Ohio.
Thomas Langian,	Aug. 30	Sergeant,	Co. D, 7th N. H. Infantry,	Stanley, N. B.
Samuel Corning,	Sept. 19	Quartermaster Sergeant,	Co. B, 2d Mass. Cavalry,	Litchfield, N. H.
Geo. W. Beardsey,	Nov. 11	Sergeant,	{ 1st N. Y. Artillery, 13th and 15th Mass. Batteries,	Otsego, N. Y. }

Post 201, Oak Bluffs.

A. D. Littlefield,	May 29	Master,	U. S. Navy,	Prospect, Me.
Calvin H. Wilbur,	Aug. 20	Private,	Co. H, 10th Conn. Infantry,	Norwich, Conn.
H. W. Coyle,	Nov. 28	Sergeant,	Co. B, 25th Conn. Infantry,	Monson, Mass.

Post 204, Centerville.

Elias W. Burrows,	Sept. 30	Sergeant,	Co. G, 8th Conn. Infantry,	Stonington, Conn.
Charles F. Purrington,	Oct. 23	Private,	Co. E, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery,	New Bedford, Mass.

Post 206, Falmouth.

Wm. B. Bosworth,	Feb. 22	Private,	Co. F, 15th Mass. Infantry,	Westborough, Mass.
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Post 207, Nantucket.

Benjamin A. Coffin,	Feb. 5	Seaman,	U. S. S. "Canostoga," "Cairo," "La Fayette" and "Fort Hyaridan."	Nantucket, Mass.
George A. Backus,	Feb. 1	Private,	Co. I, 20th Mass. Infantry,	Nantucket, Mass.

Post 208, Wareham.

Nathan F. Maniman,	Feb. 4	Private,	Co. A, 20th Mass. Infantry,	Wareham, Mass.
Steven T. Tripp,	Jan. 2	Private,	Co. H, 3d Mass. Infantry,	Westport, Mass.
Owen Gill,	Mar. 2	Private,	Co. B, 33d Mass. Infantry,	Ireland.
Henry C. Nye,	-	Private,	23d Unattached Company,	Rochester, Mass.

Post 212, East Bridgewater.

Levi A. Baker,	Sept. 22	Private,	Co. I, 45th Mass. Infantry,	Falmouth, Mass.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

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Commander: "Comrades, you have heard the report of your Department Commander; what is your pleasure with regard to the same?"

On motion of Comrade Henry A. Pond of Post 22 it was voted that the report be accepted and referred to the Committee on Commander's Address.

The appointment of the following committees was then announced, as follows: —

COMMITTEE ON COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Past Commander-in-Chief JOHN E. GILMAN, Past Department Commander FRANCIS E. MOLE, Comrades R. J. CHUTE, Post 60, and CHARLES F. READ, Post 10.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Department Commanders JOHN D. BILLINGS and ELI W. HALL, and Comrades HENRY CLARK, Post 36, and L. E. HEATH, Post 22.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Comrades HENRY N. HOPKINS, Post 3, FRANCIS A. IRELAND, Post 125, E. H. STODDARD, Post 51, LUTHER W. BIXBY, Post 26, and GEORGE A. REED, Post 142.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Past Department Commander FRANCIS E. MOLE, *Chairman.*

District No. 1.

HENRY C. SLOSSON, Post 1.	JOSEPH BOWERS, Post 46.
GEORGE E. DEAN, Post 3.	JOHN GILBERT, M.D., Post 46.
THOMAS J. GIFFORD, Post 190.	

District No. 2.

JOHN A. HALL, Post 13.	WILLIE R. BUTTERS, Post 76.
HORACE S. TOWER, Post 83.	JOHN F. HATCH, Post 73.
JOHN H. STODDARD, Post 104.	

District No. 3.

RUPERT J. CHUTE, Post 60.	GEORGE W. PRATT, Post 72.
FRANCIS A. BICKNELL, Post 58.	ALBERT W. MANN, Post 143.
CASTELLY O. NORCROSS, Post 143.	

District No. 4.

C. BRADFORD HOLMES, Post 199.	CHARLES H. ALMEDER, Post 11.
ALBERT FITZEMEYER, Post 15.	JOSEPH S. ROSSITER, Post 23.
HENRY G. WESTON, Post 113.	

District No. 5.

JOHN C. GROVER, Post 34.	J. FRANK DALTON, Post 34.
EUGENE M. LIBBEY, Post 5.	SAMUEL BROOKINGS, Post 49.
ENOCH CROMBIE, Post 67.	

District No. 6.

AUGUSTUS LOVEJOY, Post 48.	WM. H. H. HOWE, Post 56.
WALTER S. GOSS, Post 43.	JOHN FLOOD, Post 62.
HENRY A. MUSK, Post 146.	

District No. 7.

GENERY T. DARLING, Post 10.	SILAS NEWTON, Post 27.
LEONARD T. GASKILL, Post 22.	CHARLES S. DAMON, Post 53.
A. G. LIVERMORE, Post 70.	

District No. 8.

EDWIN S. WITHERELL, Post 16.	EDWIN B. SMITH, Post 41.
JAMES L. BOWEN, Post 16.	JOHN P. THOMPSON, Post 86.
E. H. MOORE, Post 211.	

District No. 9.

WM. H. FOSTER, Post 17.	ORIVILLE W. PROUTY, Post 147.
HENRY A. TOWER, Post 79.	WM. G. TAYLOR, Post 166.
WM. P. SAXTON, Post 174.	

COMMITTEE ON GREETINGS.

To the Woman's Relief Corps. — Past Department Commander GRANVILLE C. FISKE, Comrades O. A. HILLARD, Post 3, EUGENE M. LIBBEY, Post 5, ROBERT B. DICKEY, Post 125, and GEORGE W. COREY, Post 168.

To the Ladies of the G. A. R., — Past Department Commander JOHN D. BILLINGS, Comrades JOHN J. SHEEHAN, Post 15, CHARLES B. YEATON, Post 35, ANDREW R. SNOW, Post 61, and B. F. BROOKS, Post 179.

To the Daughters of Veterans. — Past Department Commander THOMAS J. AMES, Comrades E. S. WITHERELL, Post 16, H. M. SAUNDERS, Post 19, and GEO. H. S. DRIVER, Post 12.

To the Sons of Veterans. — Past Department Commander FRANCIS E. MOLE, Comrades THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Post 30, JOHN W. FAIRBANKS, Post 80, and W. W. CASTLE, Post 92.

To the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. — Past Department Commander JOHN M. WOODS, Comrades J. FRANK DALTON, Post 34, and JAMES L. BOWEN, Post 16.

Commander: "The Encampment is open for any business that may properly come before it."

Comrade Hargraves: "I would move that the first business after luncheon be the election of officers."

This motion having been duly seconded was passed without dissent.

At this stage of the meeting a Comrade in the rear of the hall moved that "when we adjourn it be to reconvene at 2 o'clock." This motion was duly seconded and passed, but the assembly evidently misunderstood the intent of the motion and proceeded to leave the hall. Thereupon a motion was made to adjourn until 2 o'clock, and no effort was made to stem the stampede.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Commander: "The comrades will come to order. By your action this morning the first business this afternoon will be the election of officers, and you will now please nominate for Department Commander for the ensuing term."

Comrade Darling of Post 10 made the point that the Committee on Credentials had not yet reported the number of delegates present and entitled to vote. Assistant Adjutant-General Nordell asked for a little further time, and after some delay reported the whole number of delegates present and entitled to vote as 546, which report was duly accepted.

Comrade Castle of Post 92 presented the name of Comrade A. B. Colyer of the same Post as delegate to the National Encampment at Portland, Ore. This was ruled out of order, and the Encampment proceeded to the election of officers.

Comrade Dalton of Post 34: "In nominating a candidate for Department Commander I wish to present the name of the present Senior Vice-Commander for advancement to the highest office within our gift. Comrade Stanley, in whose behalf I speak, has well and faithfully performed every duty incumbent upon the offices which he has held. He has ever been a loyal, earnest and worthy Comrade; he has devoted himself to the best interests and welfare of our Order,

and has constantly striven for the perfecting and maintaining of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"As a citizen and as a business man he enjoys an enviable reputation for upright character and for strict integrity, not only in his own town of Manchester, where for many years he has been given positions of trust and responsibility by his townsmen, but in Essex County and among a wide circle of acquaintances in many parts of the Commonwealth.

"His war record is an honorable and a creditable one. He served in the 19th Massachusetts, and with that regiment participated in nearly all of its battles and engagements until he fell into the hands of the Confederates as a prisoner of war. After his long service he was discharged on account of wounds received in action, the effect of which he bears to-day. Delegates from the twenty-five Posts of Essex County have come here to-day in his support, and we feel that this Encampment at this time will follow the long-established custom of recognizing meritorious service in military and in civil life, by promoting Comrade Edwin P. Stanley of Post 67 to be Department Commander of the Grand Army of Massachusetts for the ensuing term."

[Great applause.]

Commander: "Comrades, you hear the nomination of Edwin P. Stanley for the position of Commander; are there any other nominations?"

Comrade Norcross of Post 143: "I rise to second the nomination of Edwin P. Stanley for the post of Commander for the ensuing year. There is an old poem that says, 'On, Stanley, on!' and I believe this delegation has come here to demonstrate the truth of that sentiment. Therefore I second this nomination, and I believe I voice the views of this entire body when I move that Assistant Adjutant-General Nordell cast one ballot for Edwin P. Stanley as Department Commander for the coming year."

This motion was then put and unanimously carried.

Commander Denny: "The Assistant Adjutant-General will cast one ballot bearing the name of Edwin P. Stanley of Manchester as Department Commander of Massachusetts."

Comrade Nordell: "According to the vote of the Encampment I have the privilege of casting one ballot for our Senior Vice-Commander E. P. Stanley for the high office of Commander of this Department for the ensuing year."

Commander: "Assistant Adjutant-General Nordell has deposited one ballot, and, Comrade Stanley, it is with great pleasure that I con-

gratulate you upon your election to this high position. I trust that the affairs of this organization will be ably carried out. Comrades, it gives me pleasure to introduce to you Commander-elect Edwin P. Stanley of Manchester."

Comrade Stanley [greeted with great applause]: "Commander and Comrades of the Department of Massachusetts: For the third time I thank you heartily for this manifestation of your confidence. I hope that my health and spirits will be such that I can meet nearly all of the demands and expectations of this Department. I shall certainly do the best I can to meet around among Comrades, and when I do I always feel a little younger when I head for home. If unable to attend, I will be glad to detail some member of the staff to represent the Department. The same may be said of Post anniversaries. The Department Commander cannot visit every Post in the Department, but so far as I can I shall make all the visits called for — considering, of course, my advanced years and the liability of overdoing, for I want to complete my year's service and feel as well as I do to-day. Therefore, hoping that I shall meet you all here another year, I thank you again most heartily." [Very great applause.]

Commander: "The officer of the day has informed me that the Commander-in-Chief and staff are in waiting in the anteroom, and if there is no objection we will call a halt so far as the election is concerned and admit the Commander-in-Chief. I will appoint as escort Past Department Commanders Billings, Gilman, Bradley, Fiske, Ames, Wood, Knowles and Mole — a committee to retire and escort the Commander-in-Chief to this Encampment."

The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the United States with his staff and this distinguished escort made a fine appearance entering the hall, and great was the enthusiasm and heartiness of the greeting which they received.

Comrade Billings: "Department Commander and Comrades, I have the great honor of presenting to you our much loved and distinguished Commander-in-Chief, Orlando A. Somers."

Commander: "Commander-in-Chief Somers, the Department of Massachusetts feels highly honored to-day in welcoming you to Massachusetts and in greeting you in this historic hall. We are glad to welcome you to this Commonwealth. Without any further remarks, Comrades, let us give the Commander-in-Chief three rousing Massachusetts cheers."

Three cheers are given with a will, followed by a "tiger."

Commander: "Comrades, it gives me the greatest pleasure to introduce to you our Commander-in-Chief, Orlando A. Somers of Indiana."

Commander-in-Chief Somers: "Commander and Comrades of the Department of Massachusetts: It would be difficult for you to understand the sort of feelings a person has who has never been in this hall before, but has only read in his boyhood days the stories of this hall and of what has occurred in it,—the most interesting part of the history of this Republic.

"I do not want to make a real speech at this time because you are in the midst of your business session, and nothing ought to disturb your deliberations. You are working for the good of the Grand Army of the Republic, and when I say that I say you are working for the good of the Republic as well. [Applause.]

"I am exceedingly well pleased to be with you, and do not dare to allow myself to stop and think how many are not here who were here only a few months ago. If you will look at General Orders No. 4, which has just been issued, you will find that most of its pages are taken with memorial notices, which means that our Comrades have gone, that we can never see their faces again except in memory; but let us treasure them there. I hope to be with you during a part of your remaining sessions and the different functions that take place during this Encampment. I thank you, gentlemen." [Great applause.]

Commander: "We are all pleased to hear from the Commander-in-Chief, but as he is to be with us several days we shall hear more from him.

"The next business in order will be the election of Senior Vice-Commander of the Department for the ensuing term."

Comrade Knowles of Post 36: "I move that the Assistant Adjutant-General cast one ballot for Comrade George W. Wilder, who is the present Junior Vice-Commander."

This motion was seconded by Comrade Bradley of Post 2.

Commander: "On the supposition that there is no other candidate I will put the motion as made by Comrade Knowles for Comrade Nordell to cast one ballot bearing the name of George W. Wilder as Senior Vice-Commander of the Department for the ensuing year. Those in favor of that motion will signify it."

This motion was passed with some enthusiasm.

Comrade Nordell being temporarily absent, on motion it was voted that the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Wilfred A. Wetherbee, cast the ballot.

Commander: "Assistant Quartermaster-General Wetherbee has presented the name of George W. Wilder for Senior Vice-Commander of the Department for the ensuing term, and I am happy to announce that he has been duly elected to that position. Comrade Wilder, I congratulate you and this Department on your promotion. Without any further words I introduce to you Senior Vice Department Commander, Comrade Wilder."

Comrade Wilder: "Commander and Comrades of this Encampment: For the second time you have honored me with a position which any Comrade in this Department might well feel proud of, and for which I extend to you my most hearty thanks. May I so conduct myself during the coming year as to cause you no regret for the step you have just taken. Again I thank you."

Commander: "The next business in order is the election of Junior Vice Department Commander, and will you please nominate."

Comrade Bowen of Post 16: "Commander and Comrades: I come down here to-day to nominate a member of Post 16 for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander, but I am going to be brief in presenting his name. I am not going to tell you he is a good man and worthy of your ballot, for no other name would be presented before this body by any man. But I have just a few words to say in introduction. We have tested him and tried him out for twenty-six years in Post 16, and in all his relations with the community we know pretty well what is in him.

"He is not exclusively a man from the western part of the State. He was born down in a place sacred to every Massachusetts man,—old Marblehead [cries of "Good, Good!"], and when you have said that you give a man a good start and guaranty. He got his education in the Marblehead schools, and left the high school in June, 1861, to go into the navy. Of course he would go into the navy after he had heard the swash and the thunder of the waves on the rocks of old Marblehead. He was assigned to the United States ship 'Anderson,' named in honor of that noble soldier who stood in Fort Sumter while the crash of the opening of the war thundered about its walls. The first thing done by this vessel which wrote an unalterable page in the history of this nation was that it captured the Confederate privateer 'Beauregard,' the first privateer captured in the war. This boy of ours helped to do that little job.

"After eight months cruising in the North Atlantic to protect our possessions which were there afloat, his vessel went to the South

Atlantic under Farragut, and there they picked up five other prizes. Then the old ship needed patching up and the crew was discharged.

"What did our boy do? Come home and sit down? No, he took his musket and went out to do a little something more, and when the thing was over this young boy came back. What does he do then? He starts in with his good father to learn a trade which his father had made honorable in old Marblehead, a business one might be proud of, and he hasn't got through yet.

"It is said a man's life and character is largely shaped by environment. This man passed his boyhood on the rocky shores of Marblehead; his mature life was located on the great mountain chain which overlooks the quiet valley of the Connecticut. He ought to have good qualities, and he has got them, and he manifests them wherever he has been put, whether in the Grand Army, in social life or in business life. If he is put on the stepping-stone of this Department of the Grand Army we know that he will do the same kind of work here that he has done in the rest of his career. I present the name of Horace Goodwin, Past Commander of E. K. Wilcox Post 16, and solicit for him your careful consideration." [Applause.]

Commander: "You hear the nomination of Comrade Horace Goodwin of Post 16 for the position of Junior Vice Commander; are there any other nominations?"

Comrade Knowles of Post 36: "You have listened to an eloquent speaker who has spoken for a good Comrade. Now I wish to speak for another good Comrade, one who is favorably and well known throughout this end of the Commonwealth. He first enlisted for six months in 1862 in the 7th Regiment of Massachusetts Militia, and was honorably discharged on the 31st of December by the expiration of his term of service. Later he served in the 3d Regiment of Massachusetts Heavy Artillery for three years, and was discharged Sept. 18, 1865, five months after the close of the war. He is also a son of a veteran, and his father was one of the original members of the 23d Massachusetts, who was killed in front of Petersburg and whose remains are there to-day. He is a Past Commander of Post 156 of Everett, and has served in all the offices of that Post, from outside guard to Commander, and has exhibited intelligence and executive ability in the management of all the affairs connected with the Post. Through his instrumentality over fifty names have been added as associates of the Post, and much has been added to the Post funds. He has been on the police force of that city, and his superior officers

have spoken highly of the manner in which he has conducted himself while he was connected therewith. He is a young man, a man of energy, push and enthusiasm, and it seems to me that that kind of man is needed in our Department Headquarters. Not that we haven't some there now, but we want to continue the same efficiency that has been prominent there, and therefore I place in nomination for Junior Vice-Commander, Comrade Edwin F. Morrill."

Comrade Almeder of Post 11: "My Post and the Posts in the vicinity heartily endorse the nomination of Edwin F. Morrill as Junior Vice-Commander of the Department of Massachusetts. He is a well-known and genial Comrade, who has the hearty support of every soldier in the county and everywhere else around here. I heartily endorse him, and hope that all the Comrades of Middlesex will endorse the nomination of Comrade Morrill for the office of Junior Vice-Commander."

Comrade Wetherbee: "Both men who have been nominated here to-day are warm friends of mine, but I have always felt and I have asserted here that we should pay a little attention to the fitness of things.

"We have elected to-day two Comrades from the eastern part of the State. There is no elected officer west of Boston, and it seems to me, other things being equal, that this Department should parcel out its offices with some regard to that great part of our State which is farther away.

"In advocating the nomination of Comrade Goodwin of Springfield I am not saying one word reflecting upon my good Comrade Morrill of Everett. I have known Comrade Goodwin for more than thirty years, and he has been a live wire in the Grand Army of the Republic all that time. He is a man that stands ready to do the work of the Comrades at all times; he has been Commander of his Post there years ago, when it was the third largest Post in this Department, and it is now. He was Commander when it had 600 or 700 members, and all these years he has worked for the best interests of that Post and our Department. He has been a constant delegate to gatherings of this Department from year to year, and has shown by his manner that he holds our organization in deep regard.

"I am simply saying this to you: if you want a man who is a live wire, a man full of pep, and give to the western part of the State that which it is really entitled to, you will cast your ballot this year for Comrade Horace Goodwin of Post 16."

Commander: "Are there any other nominations?"

Comrade Billings: "Comrades, fair play is a jewel. So we have heard for many a day, but there are many infractions in its practice. I have been a member of this Encampment for forty years, with rare omissions in my attendance, and I think I am speaking by the card when I say that in the last twenty-five years at least there have been rare exceptions when there has not been at least one of the three principal officers selected from the western part of the State; and I believe at this late day, when locomotion is not so easy for some of us as it used to be, the same consideration should be paid to the selection of our officers."

"Nay, more, in this particular case here is a Comrade who served in the navy. Put one of your hands before you and see how many more than all you can count on your fingers have been selected from that branch of the service to represent us at Department Headquarters." [Applause and cries of "Good, Good!"]

"Now, I am not exactly a sailor, and I do not speak as a sailor, from the sailor's point of view, although I did have associations with certain Marblehead men in my old battery during the service. And then I have been with Tom Swasey a good deal since the war. [Laughter.] But be that as it may, the navy has got to be reckoned with by the old boys in the interests of fair play. I also take pleasure in urging the election of Comrade Goodwin of Post 16." [Cries of "Good, Good!" and applause.]

Comrade Merritt of Post 118: "Commander and Comrades: I rise to second the nomination of Horace Goodwin. I have known Comrade Goodwin from boyhood. We were school boys together, both born in that rock-ribbed old town of Marblehead, which the Comrade so eloquently spoke of, and I know Comrade Goodwin well, for I have visited him at his home, and at his Post, and have observed his record all the way through. He is a thoroughly competent man, a good Comrade, and a live wire in Grand Army affairs, and I trust that the Comrades will consider the location of Post 16 in the western part of the State."

The nomination of Comrade Morrill was further seconded by Comrade Henry Schrow of Post 156, who covered practically the same ground as Comrade Knowles, adding, however, more details with regard to the several offices he had filled, and giving particular emphasis to the fact that he had been patriotic instructor for many years and in great demand by schools for his services in that direction.

Commander: "Is there anything further to be said with respect to this nomination?"

Comrade Morrill: "I really think that we ought to have a representation from the western part of the State. I entered into this contest in good faith, and I would like to have been elected here to-day, but I can see what the sentiment is and I withdraw in favor of a candidate from the western part of the State." [Cries of "No, no," and "Sit down," and much applause.]

Comrade Castle: "I move that the Adjutant-General be empowered to cast one ballot for Horace Goodwin of Springfield, Mass., for the office of Junior Vice-Commander."

This motion was seconded.

Commander: "I think inasmuch as Comrade Morrill has withdrawn his name that there is but one candidate before this Encampment. Comrade Castle of Post 92 has made a motion, seconded by Comrade Sheehan of Post 15, that the Assistant Adjutant-General be empowered to cast one ballot for Horace Goodwin as Junior Vice-Commander. Is there anything to be said on this question?"

Comrade Bradley: "Commander and Comrades: I think Comrade Morrill is a better judge of this situation than any man in this Encampment. He is the candidate; he is a good Comrade; a good friend of a great many present here, who wish to see him in the office of Junior Vice Department Commander. But he sees the force of the argument in regard to the western part of the State. Comrade Morrill is a comparatively young man, and there are other years coming, and he has acted well his part in a conflict like this and will hold the respect of Comrades when the curtain shifts and the west has had its innings and the navy also; but it will shift back to the eastern part. I think there is not a single Comrade here but wants to carry out the one point of being fair in this matter, and I think our Comrade Morrill will stand better if his personal friends here admit the force of his argument and turn their votes to the Comrade of Post 16. I do not believe the Comrades are going to let personal feelings in, for it will hurt Comrade Morrill next year."

Commander: "The question is on the motion of Comrade Castle that the Assistant Adjutant-General cast one ballot for Comrade Goodwin."

This motion when put was objected to by several of Comrade Morrill's friends. A lengthy and tangled discussion followed, which resulted finally, however, in its unanimous adoption.

Comrade Nordell: "I have the honor of casting one ballot for Horace Goodwin of Post 16 for Junior Vice-Commander of the Department of Massachusetts."

Commander: "You have heard the result of the ballot cast for Comrade Horace Goodwin as the vote of this Encampment, and as many in favor of that will say 'Aye,' and those opposed, 'No.'"

The question is so put and an affirmative vote results.

Commander: "I declare Horace Goodwin elected as Junior Vice-Commander, and I will ask Comrade Morrill and Comrade Bradley to escort Comrade Goodwin to the platform. It gives me pleasure to introduce to you Comrade Horace Goodwin of Post 16 whom you have chosen to be your Junior Vice-Commander for the coming year. I congratulate the Department of Massachusetts upon having elected Comrade Goodwin to this office."

Comrade Goodwin: "Commander and Comrades of the Department of Massachusetts: I have met some white-hearted men in my lifetime, but never a whiter hearted Comrade than this at my left who has given way that I might be your Junior Vice-Commander of the great Department of Massachusetts of the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrades, I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred on me to-day. These old rafters have time and time again resounded with the voices of the grand old men of Massachusetts who have told how their fathers endured their hardships, tilled the soil, built comfortable homes, and founded the State, and afterwards the great Republic. And you, my Comrades, fought four years and then returned to the paths of peace so quietly and yet so easily that your conduct ever since has been the admiration of the civilized world — save the old German Kaiser and his deluded people over there in Germany! [Cheers and applause.]

"You know there is something a man can never forget, but as I look into your faces I think of the battles of the old days of long, long ago. I see some of the Comrades of my native town, my old schoolmates here, and it thrills me with joy that they have come up and said a word for me, just a 'plain' Comrade among you; and we cannot forget the women who served us during the Civil War. You remember that grand woman who went down to Washington, and who after looking into your faces went over to the hotel in Baltimore and wrote that wonderful poem, 'Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,' — Julia Ward Howe.

"But we are fast falling away; the lamps of your evening of life

burn slowly, slowly and flicker, sputter and go out, but nevertheless to most of us the spark of life is strong, and we are in the game for what it is worth. But my time is limited, and I want to say once more, I thank you. Down in the old rock-ribbed farm, which my Comrade from Springfield has alluded to, I remember my mother said when I left, 'Remember that you are to do your duty,' and then at the close of the war one of the great cavalry generals, as he stood on the old town house steps, said these words: 'Comrades, ladies and gentlemen, I am a humble soldier, doing duty for my country.' Comrades, 'I am a humble Comrade in the Grand Army of the Republic, and wherever duty calls me I will gladly go. I thank you.'

Commander: "The next business will be the election of a medical director, and you will please nominate."

Dr. John Gilbert was nominated, and by the casting of one ballot was re-elected as medical director.

Commander: "I wish to state to the Comrades that the Commander-in-Chief has statements to make in regard to the new Smoot pension bill, and we will postpone our business for the time being and listen to him."

Commander-in-Chief: "Commander of the Department of Massachusetts and Comrades: I am just wondering what kind of order and discipline you people had in the Army of the Potomac. This would not be a meeting of the Army of the Cumberland; there would have to be order if there was a motion put. I am not speaking in criticism, nor did I desire to speak at this time, but my Chief of Staff wanted me to say something. I think he wants me to speak to you about the Smoot pension bill while you are all present.

"I want to say to you, Comrades, that when a few months ago in this city I was honored by the highest position that the Grand Army of the Republic can give, I made up my mind there were a few things I wanted to accomplish. One of them was that there should be a reduced rate to Portland, Ore., where we had voted to go; another was that we were in some way to provide for the Southern Memorial Fund that our Comrades' graves that were left on the battlefields of the south should not be forgotten; a third was that, if possible, we should have an increase of pensions, because of the changed conditions that have come about by reason of the war beyond the seas.

"The day after I became Commander-in-Chief I took up the railroad rate question, and I was getting along finely with the railroad people when this jam in transportation came, and all my work seemed

of no avail. I was discouraged and lay awake one night thinking about it. I came to the conclusion, though, before breakfast the next morning, that I would rather do business with the government than with any railroad people, because the Secretary of the Treasury had taken charge of all the transportation of the country. With that in view I called a meeting of the special committee on legislation to meet in Washington City to take up the rate question and the pension question. After attending to a few other matters I had a meeting arranged for our committee with Secretary McAdoo, who is a very pleasant gentleman, a man who has more business on his hands than forty Presidents and the Kaiser thrown in. [Laughter.] After I told him what I was there for I said, 'Mr. Secretary, for a number of years the Grand Army of the Republic have been trying to get a reduced rate from the railroads to the National Encampment, and we have been unable to do that.' I only got that far along when he said, 'Yes, yes, the Confederates were in here last week to talk about that.' 'Well,' I said, 'Mr. Secretary, the Confederates have got a 1 cent rate to their Encampment, and we haven't been able to secure that.' I said, 'Will you give us as good a rate as the railroad corporations will give?' and he said, 'Yes, of course I will.' So said the Secretary, and I saw that my case was made that minute, so I said to him, 'Mr. Secretary, I am going to ask that you give the same rates to the men who fought to save this country that you gave to the men who fought to destroy it.' [Cheers and applause.] And you know, gentlemen, a bee had been buzzing around there and if he hadn't said, 'Yes, I will,' it would have been a dead bee. [Laughter.]

"When I went out of the Secretary's office I was in good humor to strike the Senate pension committee. Because we were representing the great Grand Army of the Republic that Senate pension committee was called in session, and General Sherwood of the House was there, and Mr. Washington, and Colonel McElroy, and some other of our friends, and we presented the claims of our Comrades. We called their attention to the changed conditions since the last pension legislation; we called their attention to the increased infirmity of our Comrades, their loss of ability and earning capacity, and the ageing of their good wives when they had wives living. They listened and listened attentively, and they asked questions about it and Senator Smoot, the soldiers' friend [applause] the Senator to whom everybody listens because when he speaks he says something. He told me what his bill was, and there was only one suggestion and that was to change

seventy-five years to seventy-two years in case of the young short term men; and we figured up, and Senator Smoot had on his finger tips the figures of what any pension bill would cost the government; he had already figured it out. He said this one cost so many million dollars, and this so many, and the \$50 pension bill would cost nearly a hundred million; but, he said, 'I don't believe, under the conditions, we can get the \$50 through; I would not want to hazard the whole business on that \$50 pension; but I think I have a bill here that will pass which will cost about \$44,000,000, but which will cost less every year because of the deaths.' I suppose you are all acquainted with this bill, but I will read it if any one desires." [Requested to read it.]

"Here is the bill as changed:—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: That the general pension Act of May 11, 1912, is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows: 'That from and after the passage of this amendment the rate of pension for any person who served ninety days or more in military or naval service of the United States during the Civil War, now on the roll or hereafter to be placed on the roll, and entitled to receive a less rate than hereinafter provided, shall be thirty dollars a month.'

"Now, if you served ninety days or more, if your name is on the roll or if it is to be placed on the roll, you will receive a rate not less than \$30. In case such a person has reached the age of seventy-two and served six months the rate shall be \$32; one year, \$35; one and one-half years, \$38; and two years and over, \$40 per month.

"So, believing that this is the best that can be procured, our Grand Army committee thought it best to accept this as the bill to get behind and push through while we are yet living. We tried to impress upon them the fact that what we wanted done we wanted done now. [Applause.] Our Comrades are dying at the rate of a hundred a day, many of them lacking medical attention and the right kind of food, and lacking fuel to keep them warm at this season of the year. Senator Smoot says, 'I will bring this before the pension committee to-morrow. He did even better than that; he put it before them that day, the 8th of January, and it was passed unanimously.

"Comrade Sherwood has a bill in the House, a bill I didn't like at all and would rather not have in because it is not broad enough. It makes too much difference; it says if your income is a thousand dollars a year, including your pension, you are not entitled to anything

under this bill; it says if you are a member of a Soldiers' Home you are not entitled to anything under this bill. In other words, if I am out of a home to-day I am entitled to that pension, and if I am in it I am not entitled to it. It would make a great deal of trouble. If my income is a thousand dollars I am not entitled to it; if a little less, possibly \$995, I am entitled to it. I don't want that kind of conditions for my Comrades to be bothered with in their old age; it is asking for something and getting nothing; it is the bread and stone story repeated, in my judgment. But Representative Sherwood did give me to understand that one kind of a bill would pass the House and another the Senate and then go into conference committees; that he would have the selection of conferees from the House and Senator Smoot from the Senate, and they would frame a bill, so I believe Representative Sherwood of the House would be behind this one. Immediately I saw my delegation and the Congressmen and Senator from Indiana, and at the meeting each of them pledged himself to stand behind the Smoot bill, and I trust that this Encampment will pass a resolution favoring that bill, and that Comrades will appeal to the members of their congressional districts and Congressmen to favor it and favor it now — now. [Applause.]

"Twelve days after I was at Washington I wrote to Senator Smoot and asked him what progress had been made, if any, and what I should say to my Comrades who were in distress; and he wrote me back that at the earliest opportunity the passage of the bill would be urged. I said to him, 'Since I have met you on the 8th 1,200 of my Comrades have died, not a few lacking medical attention, fuel and food.' So I believe, Comrades, that this bill will be enacted into a law, and if so, and if we get the reduced rate, we shall have a great Encampment at Portland. I believe, also, that Boston will achieve distinction on the western coast this time. With all these things accomplished I shall be the happiest man in America." [Applause.]

Comrade Hosley: "I move, Mr. Commander, that you appoint a committee of three to draw up a resolution in regard to the Smoot bill to be presented to this Encampment, to be acted upon before the adjournment of the same."

Comrade Billings: "I would second that motion, and say that the Committee on Resolutions will present such a resolution to-morrow morning."

Commander: "I know we have all been interested in the remarks of the Commander-in-Chief. I have been expecting all day that some one

would introduce a resolution to this effect, and we are glad to be assured by Comrade Billings that this will be done. I believe it is the duty of every Comrade to get in touch with his Congressman and convince him that the Department of Massachusetts is in favor of this bill and to ask his earnest support.

"The Officer of the Day informs me that a delegation from the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary is in waiting in the anteroom, and I will appoint Comrades Fairbanks, Dalton and Bowen to escort them in."

In due course this delegation, comprising Mrs. Flora A. S. Whitney of Worcester, Past National President, Mrs. Louise L. Borden of New Bedford, and Mrs. Anna Bailey of Kingston, entered the hall and was formally introduced to the presiding officer.

Commander: "Comrades, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Flora A. S. Whitney, Past National President of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. I am especially pleased because she comes from my own city, where I have known much of her splendid work in this organization which is doing so much for the Grand Army. Without any further remarks I present to you Mrs. Whitney."

Mrs. Flora A. S. Whitney: "Department Commander Denny and Comrades of the Department of Massachusetts: I know your time is precious and I won't take but a few minutes of it. My committee wanted me to speak for them at the same time, but I wanted to come here with greetings to the Department simply because Mr. Denny, whom we think so much of up in Worcester, is the Department Commander. Therefore it means a good deal to me that my Division President appointed me as chairman of the Committee of Greeting. I want to extend to you, Comrades, the greetings of our Division, Massachusetts Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.

"Of course, we have a work to do similar to that of the Relief Corps, and you know what your Relief Corps are doing for you. We shall try to do in a small way for the Sons of Veterans what the Relief Corps are doing for you. We are their Auxiliary, and we shall try hard to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army. There have been rumors at times that, when this present war is over, the Grand Army perhaps will not have the popularity it has now. It is due to the patriotic Orders now in existence to perpetuate the memory of our Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who preserved our Stars and Stripes that gave to us a free country, and all our patriotic Orders will do all they can to preserve your organization and perpetuate its memory.

"And now, Comrade Denny, you know it is usual that our division Encampment in Massachusetts has a snowstorm for its convention; we usually have unfavorable weather, but to-day has turned out to be very good. However, fearing that perhaps to-morrow may not be of the same quality as to-day, I wish to present to you this umbrella with the best wishes of our division. [Applause.] I do not want you to have to use it very much, as I want you to always have pleasant weather."

Commander Denny: "I want to thank you for this gift. I assure you, Mrs. Whitney, and members of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, that I appreciate this gift not so much for its intrinsic value, but for the splendid feeling which stands back of it. Mrs. Whitney, will you convey to your Department Convention the greetings of the Massachusetts Department of the Grand Army, and say to them that we feel deeply interested in your organization, and we as individuals will do all we can to aid you whenever it is within our power to do so. I thank you in behalf of the Grand Army of Massachusetts."

This delegation was then escorted from the hall, followed by the cheers of the assembled Comrades.

Commander: "The next business in order is the election of a Chaplain for this Department, and nominations are in order."

Comrade Spear of Post 110: "I present the name of Comrade Seth M. Hall."

There being no further nominations, on motion duly seconded one ballot was cast for the re-election of Chaplain Seth M. Hall, who was duly chosen.

Comrade Hall: "Commander and Comrades: I am astonished at this my third election to this position. I would be dull of comprehension, I would be lacking in appreciation, if I did not feel a little younger, a little taller and a little bigger after having been elected to the honorable position the third time, having been the first layman, according to my best knowledge, who has ever been chosen Chaplain of this Department of Massachusetts.

"Now, Comrades, if I accept the office again, I do it with some hesitation. I am not the man I was, even two years ago. You remember the fellow who, speaking of his horse, said that he was a 'grand good horse if he only had two good legs.' Well, I might be worth more if I had two good eyes; but I have friends who pilot me around, and I do the best I can and keep busy all the time for the cause of either my Master or of the Grand Army of the Republic. I did not come

here to run for office, but I am not running away from any work that is given me to do. Comrades, I thank you."

Commander: "The next business in order will be the election of a Council of Administration, and I will call on the committee delegated to bring in a report at this time."

Through Comrade Bixby of Post 26 the following names were presented: Walter E. Swan of Post 68, George W. Pratt of Post 72, Benjamin A. Ham of Post 2, Charles Thompson of Post 75, and Francis A. Ireland of Post 125. On motion of Comrade Miles of Post 72 it was moved that the report be adopted and accepted, and on motion by Comrade Pond of Post 22 a vote was taken and this Council of Administration was duly elected.

The Encampment thereupon adjourned to meet Wednesday morning, April 10, at 9.30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

Commander: "The Comrades will come to order. Is there any business to come before the Encampment?"

Comrade Goodwin of Post 16: "I hold in my hand invitations from the mayor of Springfield and the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce asking the Encampment to meet in Springfield, Mass., in 1919, and I want to say a word in relation to our beautiful city. The Chamber of Commerce have been fortunate enough to secure our new and beautiful auditorium building for such a convention, and they hold that out as a grand inducement; and I can say, also, that automobiles will be provided to take our Comrades around the city and its outskirts. As a Comrade of the Grand Army I make this proposition for Wilcox Post and also the Chamber of Commerce.

"I realize that a large percentage of our Comrades live in and around Boston. At the same time, I want to bring this proposition fairly before the Encampment, although there being so few present it might be, in the interests of fair play, wisest to defer action until more members arrive; but I offer this proposition, that the next Encampment be at Springfield in 1919."

This proposition was seconded, but the Commander thought that there being so few present, it ought not to be decided at that time.

Comrade Pattison of Post 61: "I move that this proposition be tabled, but only with the expectation that the matter be taken up before we adjourn, when a larger number may be present, not with a view of shelving the matter."

This motion, having been seconded, was put before the Encampment, but the Commander was in doubt as to the vote, and thereupon asked those Comrades favoring the motion that the next Encampment be held in Springfield — to stand and remain standing until counted. After some discussion this motion was put to vote and defeated.

Comrades Pierce and Wetherbee discussed the question at some length, the latter calling attention to a former vote which limited the holding of the annual Encampment meeting to Boston, and which declared that place to be fairly central and convenient for the majority of the members. On the other hand, the argument was advanced that the western part of the State should be permitted to have an inning once in a while. Comrades Mole and White added their views to the discussion, as well as Comrade Billings, but Comrade Stover of Haverhill advocated holding the Encampment in Faneuil Hall. After a very full consideration of the matter, Medical Director Gilbert moved that the proposition be laid upon the table until 10.30 o'clock, which was put to vote and carried.

Commander: "The Assistant Adjutant-General has asked to make a statement at this time."

Comrade Nordell: "There is a matter that I have brought to the attention of the Council of Administration during the past year, and they had advised that the matter be referred to the Encampment here rather than settled by them. The situation is this. The store-room at Headquarters during the past eight or ten years has become overloaded with an accumulation of material that is out of date and of no value whatever. I suppose we have more than a ton of it that can be sold for good white paper, and in view of that fact I would offer the following motion to the Encampment, namely, in view of the crowded condition of the storeroom at Department Headquarters the Assistant Adjutant-General and the Assistant Quartermaster-General are hereby authorized to dispose of all reports, pamphlets, files of letters and other material out of date and without value, reserving, however, as many copies of each publication as may suffice for possible future needs."

Comrade Howe of Post 56: "I second the motion."

This motion was presented to the Encampment and carried.

Comrade Gilman: "The committee appointed to consider the Department Commander's address have performed their duty and render the following report. The address is so overflowing with love of

country, devotion to the flag and anxiety for the happiness and welfare of members of our Order, and for strict obedience to all our laws, as to win our admiration, and prompt us to recommend that this Encampment express by a unanimous vote its appreciation and thanks to the Department Commander for his unceasing efforts to uplift our Department, and for his unfailing attention to the duties of his office.

"We recommend the adoption by this Encampment of the following recommendations contained in the address:—

- (1) That the incoming Department Commander appoint a conference committee of three to meet a like committee of the representatives of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of Veterans and Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, on all matters pertaining to the interests of the several Orders, and thereby create a stronger relationship with each other.
- (2) That the sum of \$1,200 be appropriated for the salary of the Assistant Adjutant-General, and the sum of \$800 for the salary of the Headquarters clerk.
- (3) That \$500 be appropriated to defray the traveling expenses of the Department Commander and such other officers as he may detail to attend all functions where the Department should be represented.
- (4) That a sufficient sum be appropriated to maintain Department Headquarters and to defray the expense of Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant-General at the National Encampment.

The report of the committee was adopted without discussion.

Commander: "It is announced that a committee of the Woman's Relief Corps is waiting at the outpost, and I would appoint Comrades Fiske, Norcross, Dicky and Corey and Eugene M. Libbey, a committee to escort them to the platform."

This delegation having been formally introduced to the Department Commander, the following addresses of greeting were in order.

Commander: "It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you at this time, as chairman of this delegation, Mrs. Florence Haynes of Salem, Past President of the Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts, who is here to give us greeting. Mrs. Haynes was a most efficient chairman of the executive committee during our Encampment last summer. She is well known to all of you. Without further remarks I present Mrs. Haynes."

Mrs. Florence Haynes: "Commander and Comrades: Many times you have heard our ladies say to you, standing here, that 'This is the proudest moment of my life.' Now, I will say to you that this is one of the happiest times of my life.

"Our dear Department President, one of the best we have ever had, wanted me to say just a word to you for her, and with pride I will say to you that Mrs. Starkweather has performed her work as Department President in a manner second to none that we have ever had. She is a woman that has been working throughout the year always thinking of the Comrades first; she has been doing all she could to make this administration a success, and it has been a success. There has been more money raised and expended in the Department of the Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps this year than ever before in our history. You all know that it required a great deal of money to entertain our guests during the National Encampment, and our women by actual labor raised over \$6,000 to defray those expenses and entertain your delegates at luncheon, and we were proud to do it. But as Department Inspector I was happy to discover that it had not taken one dollar from our regular work to raise that \$6,000; they raised that independently, and besides, carried on their usual work. We have turned over to the Posts in this Department over \$7,000; we have expended in relief in money alone between \$4,000 and \$5,000, and for patriotic work we have gone far ahead of what we have ever done before, that is, we have expended over \$3,000 for patriotic work alone, and you must give us credit for working some. I have heard that the Relief Corps — and I am sorry to say that the statement by hearsay came from a Comrade of the Grand Army — that the Relief Corps is not what it used to be. Now, Comrades, it is. We have lost some of our old pioneers who have answered the roll call, just the same as you have, but I hope if you hear that statement made you will just say to the Comrade that figures and actual labor prove that it is not so. We are just as interested to-day, those of us who have been working for your interest; and let me say to you that I have been interested in this work thirty-three years. I want to leave with you the assurance that we are just as patriotic, just as anxious to do for your comfort as we were when I joined the Order thirty-three years ago.

"And, now, Mr. Commander, I want to thank you in the presence of your Comrades for your loyalty to this Department, — for your help to me as chairman of the executive committee of arrangements to entertain your guests and our guests. And, Comrades, I thank you for your attention. I am happy to see you this morning, and I hope that you may be spared to meet in many more conventions, and may God bless and keep every one of you." [Great applause.]

Commander Denny: "You know I have always been interested in the Woman's Relief Corps, and it has been a pleasure to me to work for you at all times. I thank you.

"Comrades, it gives me the greatest pleasure to introduce to you the lady who has been elected president of the Woman's Relief Corps for the coming year. This lady comes from my own city, one whom I have known ever since she was a child, and who attended school with my children. Her father I knew well as a charter member of Post 10, and he was for a long time Chaplain of my Post. And so it gives me great pleasure to introduce Mrs. Flora S. Chapin, President of the Woman's Relief Corps for the coming year."

Mrs. Flora S. Chapin: "Commander Denny and Comrades: I am sorry that I lost my voice in the parade here last Saturday, but any one who witnessed that parade will know that I walked like a soldier, — but I caught a cold. As the incoming President of the Relief Corps, I want to pledge to you, Comrades, and to your Department Commander the hearty support of our Department. We have felt so much this past year under your present Commander the close relation between us, and I do hope that you and we will feel just as close this coming year.

"I am proud to be elected president, and I am proud to have the blood of a soldier in the persons of my father and grandfather, and I had an uncle in the Civil War, and now I have a brother and two nephews in this war. [Applause.] I won't say anything more because my voice will give out entirely before I finish the following report, as I have the pleasure of reading the report of the Department President to you."

Then followed the reading of the report, which was received with applause.

Commander: "Comrades, this is now quite a surprise to me, but it gives me great pleasure to present to you the lady who has been my companion for fifty-one years, [applause] and if I have achieved any success in this life I owe it to her; she has put up with my shortcomings. [Cries of "Hear! Hear!"] It gives me the greatest pleasure, and I know it gives her a great deal of pride, to be here. It gives me the greatest pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Mattie A. Denny, Past President of Corps 11 of Worcester."

Mrs. Denny: "Department Commander, my dear officers of this State and Comrades of this Commonwealth: I assure you it is a proud moment of my life to stand before you this morning, and it is

no more a surprise to my husband than it was to me yesterday, when our Department President informed me that she was going to appoint me on the committee to carry greetings from the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps to the Grand Army of the Republic. I have received many honors this past year simply because I was the wife of the Department Commander, not because I deserved all these honors; and so I am glad to bring you the greetings this morning from our convention, where between 500 and 600 delegates are doing work for the coming year and finishing the work of the past year.

"I think I never looked upon a better assembly of men than I am looking upon this morning, and I see many familiar faces that I have known for years. My heart is full to overflowing, and it certainly is an inspiration to me, and will be for days to come after I return to my home, that I have had the privilege of looking into your faces this morning. Our National President is to speak after me, and I know she will have a great deal of good cheer to bring to you. I thank you most heartily for listening to my remarks."

Commander: "It now gives me a great deal of pleasure to receive here to-day the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. I assure you, Mrs. Knauff, that we feel highly honored by your presence. We know what the Woman's Relief Corps has done for us in the past and is doing to-day. It is with very great pleasure that I introduce to you, Comrades, Mrs. Knauff of Ohio."

Mrs. Knauff: "You say you feel highly honored, but, Comrades, I am the one to feel highly honored. This is my first visit to the Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, and words fail to express my pleasure at meeting with you to-day, being allowed and being appointed by our Department President to visit this Encampment. While almost a stranger to your Department, I must say that you all look alike, whether you are in Ohio or in Massachusetts; you are all Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we are proud of every one of you; we are proud of what you have done for us, we are proud of what you have done for your country, and in this terrible crisis where would we be if it hadn't been for you? You were history makers in the 60's; the boys to-day are history makers, but so are you, and the example you now set those boys is leading them on. We are proud of you, and we are proud of them."

"I am here to bring you the greetings of over 60,000 women,—women working in the same loyal, patriotic way that they have for

over thirty years; women that will continue to do so as long as there is a Comrade of the Grand Army for them to work for. I assure you that we shall never be lax in our work for you, Comrades, or for the dependent ones left to us to care for. I assure you that as the Woman's Relief Corps has been loyal in the past it is just as loyal and just as good to-day as it was over thirty years ago. We are a little stronger; we are able to do more and we are going to do it. And I feel now that I should leave you with the Quaker toast: 'Here's to thee and thy friends from me and my friends; there were never folkses that ever loved folkses half as well as me and my folkses love thee and thy folkses.'"
[Applause.]

Commander: "I want to say to the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps that the second day of our convention is always much smaller than the first day. Had you been here yesterday you would have found every seat on this floor occupied.

"I want you to go back feeling that Massachusetts is one of the best Departments in this country. We want you to take back with you the kind remembrances of all the Comrades and ladies of the grand old Department of Massachusetts. Mrs. Knauff, I thank you.
[Applause.]

"We have with us the National Junior Vice-President of the Woman's Relief Corps. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Savage."

Mrs. Savage: "Commander, Gentlemen and Comrades: They say, 'Last but not least,' and so there is not much for me to say to you except that I am a daughter of a veteran, and that I am the only living representative of my father's family. Therefore I trust that I shall live up to the eminence of being a good daughter and working for the cause that is nearest my heart and that has been bred into my bone since I was a child. I think your Massachusetts Department is responsible for this great loyalty that has grown up within me since a child. Mrs. Wales, Past Department President of Massachusetts, has been my ideal of a Relief Corps woman. Mrs. Mary L. Gilman also made me her representative on the platform at Salt Lake City, and to-day I am proud to say that this lady stands as my sponsor as National Junior Vice-President. And if God wills, and my life permits, my work to the end of my days is for the Relief Corps and for the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Comrade Henry A. Pond, Chief of Staff, of Post 22: "I believe I speak the sentiments not only of your official family, but of all the

Comrades of this Department, when I say to you that in all the duties of your high office you have been equal to every occasion, and performed your duties in a manner pleasing to your Comrades, and a credit to the position you are soon to vacate. And may we not hope that this event, staged as it is upon this historic platform, will be one of the memories you will be pleased to recall, and your service as Commander of this Department will be one of the crowning events of your long and useful life. We feel sure that, should the history of that long and useful life be written, there would be few, if any, of its pages that you would care to have torn out or obliterated, and we feel just as certain, in the years of life that remain to you, which we trust will be many, that you will be encouraged and sustained by the thought that in the community where you have lived for so many years you have been able to gain the confidence, respect and esteem of your neighbors and fellow citizens, and have been placed by them in many positions of honor, trust and preferment in recognition of those manly characteristics that have endeared you to the Comrades of this Department.

"And now, after this brief eulogy, and with as little ceremony as is consistent with the importance of this event, I desire to place in your hands this badge, this token of the appreciation of the members of your staff. Right here I wish to say that the work of collecting the funds with which to procure this souvenir was very easy; but when we came to select the gift it was an altogether different proposition, for we learned that you were possessed of nearly all the necessities and many of the comforts that an ordinary man requires, and it was decided to get you something that only those who had held the high position of Department Commander would be entitled to wear. And we ask you to accept the same and to wear it upon your breast on all public occasions, in order that Comrades may know that in the year of grace 1917 you were the chosen one of upwards of 8,000 Comrades of this Department. And now, Comrade, accept this little souvenir, and with it the wishes of your Comrades that the bright and shining jewels which embellish it may have a tendency at least to brighten your pathway as you proceed along the final journey of life. In whatever direction that journey may lead you, may you meet with as true friends and as congenial companionship as the members of the Department of Massachusetts, and as a fitting climax to this little incident I will ask the National President, Mrs. Knauff, to pin this upon your breast."

Mrs. Knauff: "I am happy to perform this service for you and for your Comrades, and, Comrades, I am proud to have this privilege accorded to me. I believe I have pinned it on all right."

Commander Denny: "It has been the custom to present to a retiring Commander some gift, but I want to say in all sincerity that I have not known until this moment that I was to receive anything. I want to say to you, Comrades, that nothing you could have given me could please me more than this jewel which your National President has pinned upon my breast. I have always wanted such a badge as this, and have almost envied my Comrades when I have seen them wearing one. It is something I highly appreciate, and I wish I had the command of language that could properly express to you and your associates upon the staff what I would like to say; but I thoroughly appreciate this and it will be a heritage to pass down to my children. Comrades, I thank you all.

"Now I will ask the same committee to escort the delegation from the hall, and I wish them to convey to the women the greetings of the Massachusetts Department, and say that we have the greatest interest in their organization, and shall continue to do everything we can to uplift the Order of the Woman's Relief Corps. [Applause.]

"Comrade Pond said there was a little balance left over in gold, and he has said that Mrs. Denny was to have this, so I want you to be witness that I place this in her hands." [Applause.]

The delegates are applauded as they retire.

Dr. Gilbert: "I want to offer the following resolution for your consideration:" —

Whereas, In times past special railroad rates were obtained to and from the Department Encampments; and

Whereas, The parties interested have been denied this privilege for a long time; and

Whereas, Mr. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States has now control of fixing the rates of fare on the railroads of the country; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Department Commander, together with the Quartermaster-General, be a committee to investigate this matter and ask to have restored the privilege of reduced rates to and from the Department Encampments at as early a date as possible.

Commander: "You hear the resolution read by the medical inspector. If there is no objection this will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions to be reported on later.

"The Assistant Adjutant-General desires to introduce a resolution."

Assistant Adjutant-General Nordell: "This resolution was not prepared in time for the Committee on Resolutions to act upon it, therefore I have been asked by the chairman to put it directly to the Encampment. There has been an effort in this State and in this Department during the past year to secure the endorsement of the Posts of the Department for an act, or a bill, that is before the House in Washington to remedy a certain inequity or certain injustice that has been developed in the operation of the so-called Sherwood Pension Act of 1912. This bill has been introduced by Congressman Tinkham of this State, but it is advisable that the endorsement of this bill should also come as far as possible from not only the Posts of the State, but from the Encampment itself. The disability which it seeks to remove is a somewhat complicated one, and I won't take time to explain it. The matter has been acted upon by seventeen of the leading Posts of the Encampment already; they have heartily endorsed this bill, and therefore I present this further resolution:" —

Resolved, That the Fifty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R., approve House Bill No. 1738 of the 65th Congress, which corrects an unforeseen injustice involved in the operation of the act of May 11, 1912, known as the Sherwood Service Pension Act, and the Encampment, furthermore, urges the National Committee on Pensions to urge the passage of House Bill No. 1738 so far as it may seem wise and proper.

"I submit this for your action at the present time, as it is too late for the Committee on Resolutions to act upon it."

Commander: "We have three delegations at the outpost, and I am going to have them brought in all at one time, and for escort committee to the Sons of Veterans I will appoint Comrades Mole, Fairbanks, Montgomery, Castle and Howe; on the part of the Daughters of Veterans, Comrades Ames, Newton, Driver and Saunders; on the part of the nurses, Comrades Gilman, Gage, Pond, McCarthy, Stowe and Darling.

"It has been voted to take action on holding the convention at Springfield at 10.30, but these delegations are here and we must not make them wait."

A large procession of delegations then entered the hall and were escorted to the platform.

Comrade Gilman: "I have had many honors in my time, but the greatest honor, and one I love to think of, is the fact that I am a member of the Army Nurses Association, made so by this noble

woman who helped us fight the battles of the Civil War, the one we reverence beyond all others, whom I now have the pleasure to introduce, — Mrs. Fannie T. Hazen."

Other members of the Nurses Association delegation were formally introduced to the Commander.

Commander: "It gives me pleasure to introduce Mrs. Hazen, who has been a long time a visitor to these Encampments, and a woman we are always glad to receive. We appreciate the efforts of this lady and her associates as nurses, and we owe much to them, for many a Comrade is alive to-day on account of the care that these good women have given him. Comrades, — Mrs. Fannie T. Hazen, Chairman of the Nurses Association." [Applause.]

Mrs. Hazen: "Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: You were our boys in blue years ago, our heroes, and the boys we went to care for as their mothers or sisters would, for most of the nurses were old enough so the boys could call them mother. I was one of the younger nurses, and at this time am glad I was, — glad I have been spared to work further in the service.

"And you are our brothers in blue to-day, and we are always glad and willing to come and look once again into your faces and bring to you our heartiest greetings of fraternity, charity and loyalty. The Comrade who escorted me to the platform has been my counsellor ever since and even before, and I go to him even now for various things in regard to army nurses, and always he is ready to give me counsel and assistance. The war in which you took part was long ago, and was the great war of the world until this present war came, which we can hardly find words to describe; but horrible as it is, I believe that good will come from it. It must have come some time and let it come now. I have two grandsons, one in France and one in the navy, and although I feel anxious and pray for them, yet I would not call them back. There are many things I could say, but do not want to take more of your time. I am glad to look into your faces this morning and greet you as Comrades, for I know that the comradeship of the Grand Army is strong and abiding, and between the nurses it is the same, because each of us knows what the others saw and passed through." [Applause.]

Other members of the Nurses Association addressed the convention, each bringing a tribute of respect to the members of the Grand Army.

Commander: "It gives me pleasure to introduce the Past Department President of the Daughters of Veterans of Massachusetts."

Mrs. Gertrude H. Walker: "Officers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic: To me this is one of the happiest moments of my life, for I consider it an honor and a privilege to be able to come here this morning and bring to you the hearty and loving greetings of the Massachusetts Department of the Daughters of Veterans. And Commander Denny, please accept from us this little token of love and appreciation. I assure you that whenever you wish to call upon the Daughters you will always find them ready and willing to assist you in whatever way you may desire."

After further remarks Mrs. Walker presented Commander Denny with a handsome bouquet.

Commander: "I thank you for this gift of flowers, and while flowers may fade, I assure you that our remembrance of the Daughters of Veterans will never fade from our memory. I thank you."

"Comrades, it gives me pleasure to introduce Mrs. Dunham, the National President of the Daughters of Veterans, and I would say that we are highly honored to have with us to-day the lady who stands at the head of that splendid organization, and we are glad to welcome her to-day." [Applause.]

Mrs. Dunham: "Commander and members of the Grand Army of the Republic: I have the honor to bring greetings to you from the Daughters of Veterans throughout the United States, and they are greetings that come from the heart. We are proud of our heritage this year especially, because of the war that is going on abroad. If it had not been for your work we could not do our present part in winning freedom for the whole world. We cannot pay you too high honor for the work you have done, and your work will not cease until every Comrade of the Grand Army has answered the last roll call of the Great Commander. The Daughters will then go on from where you leave off, and we will do your work, for when a woman makes up her mind to do a thing she does it. [Applause.] She has the determination, and it is this determination that is bringing about conditions whereby she is accompanying her husband to the polls on election morning. I hope you are having an enjoyable convention, and we shall all meet again in Portland next summer."

Further remarks were made by Blanche M. Sanborn and Mrs. Brown of the same delegation.

Comrade Mole: "It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you one who has been active in the Sons of Veterans' work for the Department of Massachusetts, who is the National Chaplain of his Order, and,

much better than that, he is in the service of Uncle Sam, and will do all that he can for the uplift of his country. [Applause.] I introduce to you Rev. A. A. Bronson, Past Division Commander of the Sons of Veterans."

The Commander: "It gives me, Comrades, equal pleasure to introduce the man who stood at the head of the Sons of Veterans Division last year, and who accomplished a great work for the upbuilding of that organization. To-day he is in the service of his country, and we are always glad to receive him here. We are glad to see him in this uniform, and glad to know that he is doing noble work for the Young Men's Christian Association."

Rev. Allen A. Bronson: "Into the quickened conscience of the American Nation there has gone that splendid throb which always comes from the heart of every patriot because of the part our soldiers have played in the great conflict for country and for flag. Those sons marching out across our own land, bearing aloft that banner that means so much to you who fought in the days of '61 to '65, lift higher that standard because they remember that in that hour of great and extreme need there were those loyal to country, to ideals of democracy, to liberty, willing to bare their breasts and give themselves if need be to the defence of patriotism. And so the flag to-day marches in the great arena of war, and, like the conscience and conviction of the soldier of '61 to '65, your sons have gone from your land to honor and love that flag as you men loved it in the days you lived and fought for it. Rising as a majestic peak from the landscape of the Nation to-day is that mighty host of strong manhood, determined to do its duty in the land where the great Hun is hurling his forces against democracy, and that mighty army that moves to-day across the seas, and is yonder in the land of France, moves at the command and demand of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to-day may it win in that fabric of civilization because of the sacrifice which you made in those days that meant so much.

"Fathers, I come to you and say to-day that 500 of your sons in the Division of Massachusetts are in active service, and God help them to be as true in the hour of need as were their fathers when Uncle Sam asked them for their service." [Applause.]

Brief remarks were also made by Hon. Harry D. Sisson, Past Division Commander, R. A. Soule, Jr., Henrie A. Perry and M. E. Osgood of the same delegation.

Commander: "Comrade Bronson, we want you, in returning to

your Division, to take with you the greetings of the Department of Massachusetts. We have been glad to receive you here to-day; we feel honored by your presence. I thank you."

The delegation was escorted from the hall in due form, attended by the cheers and applause of the assembled Comrades.

Commander: "I will appoint Comrades Knowles, Andrew R. Snow, Charles T. Yeaton and John J. Sheehan to escort the Ladies of the G. A. R. to the platform."

Thereupon a delegation of the Ladies of the G. A. R. were ushered into the hall and given seats upon the platform.

Commander: "Comrades, we feel highly honored to-day to have with us the National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. We are glad to receive these ladies. We recognize the splendid work which they have done in the past and are doing to-day, and so I extend to Mrs. Tarbox the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Mrs. Mary E. Tarbox: "Comrade Denny and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: It is a great pleasure for me to stand before such a body of men to-day. I want you to comprehend that there are 40,000 women who belong to our organization. We are often confronted with the statement that our organization of the Ladies of the G. A. R. will soon die out. It will not die out; it is increasing, because we admit granddaughters, nieces, grandnieces. Some people wonder if the graves of the veterans will not be forgotten when the sons that are now across pass away. Never! Not as long as one of the Ladies of the G. A. R. lives will the veterans be forgotten. [Applause.] That was our first charge; what we first banded together to perpetuate and keep green,—the memory of these veterans. But after teaching patriotism to our boys, when they responded so loyally when the call to colors came, wouldn't we open our hearts and do for them just as your mothers and wives of veterans did for you? Surely we will; we are broad enough to take them all in, and we are going to stand by the boys.

"You can understand how it has increased our work. The Red Cross is something grand, and our women are doing that. We haven't the money that some organizations have, but still the Ladies of the G. A. R. have always donated during their session here money to the Sons of Veterans and to different loyal causes. They don't wish to hoard it, but spend it now for the good it can do and reap the benefit of it.

"Department Commander, the Ladies of the G. A. R. have had this

year one of the smartest little presidents ever. You know what the work of the National Encampment last year was, and I have heard of the loyal work that Massachusetts did under her direction. She will bring tribute to your Department here, and we wish it was ten times as much as it is, but the love that goes with it is enough to satisfy every one here present. [Applause.] This is for you, Commander Denny." [Making a presentation.]

Commander: "Mrs. Tarbox, I wish I could find words to express my appreciation for the honor you give me. I have tried to be a loyal friend to the Ladies of the G. A. R., and to every one of our Auxiliaries. When you return to your convention, kindly take with you the greetings and good wishes of the Massachusetts Department of the Grand Army. I thank you. [Applause and cheers.]

"We will now take up the matter of the invitation from the city of Springfield to hold our next Encampment there. The question is whether or not we shall accept that invitation. Is there anything to be said upon that motion?"

Comrade Nordell: "I have two telegrams that I wish to read:" —

In behalf of the citizens of Springfield I wish to extend an invitation to your organization to hold the 1919 convention in our city. Frank A. Stacey, Mayor of Springfield.

We want your 1919 convention in Springfield. Let us welcome you to our city. William H. Stewart, President of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

Commander: "Comrades, you have heard these telegrams; what is your pleasure with reference to the same? The motion made by Comrade Goodwin of Post 16 was that the Grand Army hold its next Encampment in Springfield."

Comrade Billings: "I was going to say that we cannot vote to accept the invitation until we vote on the question before us."

On a motion duly seconded the question was taken from the table and thereby reopened for discussion.

Comrade Wetherbee: "There are so many present now who were not here when we started this subject that I feel I should say a word repeating what I said this morning. I want to caution the Comrades against letting their feelings run away with them. We did that when we voted to go to Portland. As I said, we went to Springfield in 1894 and had a splendid time there, but the Comrades should remember that it is going to cost them from \$8 to \$10, those going from this

section, and even more than that, if they go out there. The largest proportion of this organization lives east of Worcester, and consequently will have this much difference to pay.

"It was the sense of the Comrades after going to Springfield, and the next year to Lowell, and the next year to Worcester, that it was not a good idea to have the meetings held in different places, but that the convention ought to be held continuously in the city of Boston, which is almost the center of civilization in the State. I want to call that to your attention so that we shall look at this with good horse sense, and if we feel it is best to go to Springfield, why then I am going with you. But I feel that we will make a mistake if we change our meetings from old Faneuil Hall to go into any other city in this Commonwealth." [Applause.]

Comrade Gilbert: "I wish to repeat what I said a short time ago, that to go to Worcester is a long way further, especially to some of our Posts in the southeastern part of the State. To go to Springfield would take probably half a day, and half a day to come back, spending one or two days in Springfield. This takes quite a long time. Boston is the place for Bristol County, for Barnstable, for Essex and for all the counties that surround the city of Boston. And, Comrades, it is something to come to the city of Boston; it gives you a better advertisement through the whole State to come here and meet in this historic hall. So long as we exist it seems to me that Boston should be the Mecca of the Grand Army of the Republic in the State of Massachusetts." [Applause.]

Comrade Wetherbee: "There is one thing more that comes to my mind. We do not want to turn down such a cordial invitation by saying we won't go, and I move as a substitute motion that this Encampment gratefully appreciates the invitation which has come from the city of Springfield, but that it deems it inexpedient to accept the same."

Comrade Switzer of Post 155 of Monson: "It seems to me, Mr. Commander, that we might have it up the State once in a while, considering what it costs to come here from Springfield and from the Berkshire hills. It is a State convention, and why not give us an opportunity once in a while way up there in the middle of the State to have a little of it in our section?"

The substitute motion was put, but there being some doubt the motion was repeated and clearly carried affirmatively.

Comrade Goodwin: "Just a word. The Chamber of Commerce

of the city of Springfield proposed this thing to Wilcox Post, but I know that the members are gentlemen and will be good losers, and I know that the Comrades of Wilcox Post are good Comrades and will be good losers. I presented the case because Comrade Bowen had to go home on some other business, but I put it before you as well as I could, and it has been voted down and we accept the situation. We are good Comrades.” [Applause.]

Assistant Adjutant-General Nordell: “There has been much complaint from the Commanders of Posts in the Department during the past year, especially since last Christmas, because of the miscarriage of mail. In some cases the impression has arisen that there has been neglect or inefficiency at Headquarters in sending out mail. I assure you that the address and contents of every package have been carefully scrutinized before being mailed. They have been mailed on time, and in almost every case to the Commander of the Post. We do not send communications now to adjutants or quartermasters unless especially requested. The regular mail is always addressed to the Post Commanders.

“Last Christmas we sent out a General Order and also the national countersign, and there were Posts in and around Boston that did not get that mail for two or three weeks; and in many cases, the Post failed entirely to receive it. Complaints have come to me since I came in to this Encampment that even to this day some of the Commanders have not received the national countersign for the present year.

“I want to assure you that the blame for all this does not lie with the officials at Headquarters. A year ago we had a large bag of mail taken to the Boston post office, and it was left lying around for a week or two before anybody discovered it, and then only after we had started inquiries concerning it.

“This state of things is not peculiar with us. Every department in the State House has made the same complaints that we have. If you do not receive the General Orders or other communications from Headquarters in due time, please write and let us know about it, and we will try to remedy the matter as far as we can; but do not lay the blame on those who are doing their best at Headquarters.”

Commander: “Comrade Mole, chairman of the committee to elect delegates to the National Encampment, is absent, so I will read the list as presented.” (See pages 184 to 186.)

Comrade Billings: “Commander and Comrades, this extremely

placid gathering has made the performance of the duties of the Committee on Resolutions very agreeable. First, I will present a resolution which was handed to me a short time ago by the Assistant Adjutant-General, and will ask him after I have read it to state the facts in regard to it."

Resolved, That the Fifty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R., approve House Bill No. 1738 of the 65th Congress, which corrects an unforeseen injustice involved in the operation of the act of May 11, 1912, known as the Sherwood Service Pension Act, and the Encampment, furthermore, urges the National Committee on Pensions to urge the passage of House Bill No. 1738 so far as it may seem wise and proper.

"The Assistant Adjutant-General has all the information I know of in regard to this resolve, so I will call on him to present the matter."

Assistant Adjutant-General Nordell. "The original bill was drawn by Representative Tinkham of Massachusetts. It was designed to correct an inequity that appeared in the course of the operation of the Sherwood Service Pension Act. By one section of this act a pensioner who already draws a pension on account of partial or total disability is precluded from receiving any benefit from the Sherwood bill, which gauges pensions on age and time of service, unless he surrenders his previous disability pension. Suppose that a Comrade gets a disability pension of \$22 a month. Suppose, furthermore, that he has reached the age of seventy years and served one year. For this the Sherwood bill entitles him to \$20 a month. But he cannot receive this amount, or any part of it, unless he surrenders his \$22 disability pension. His neighbor, who is seventy-five years of age and has served two years, draws \$30 a month under the Sherwood bill, even though hale and hearty and earning several thousand dollars a year. The Tinkham bill seeks to remedy this unfairness by permitting the disabled comrade to receive the pension to which his age and service entitle him, and, in addition, to retain so much of his disability pension as shall bring the total amount up to \$30.

"This amendment has already been received and acted upon by seventeen of the leading Posts of the State. They have given it their hearty approval and endorsement, and it is brought before you now simply for the purpose of presenting it to the attention of the committee on pensions in our national organization, that they, in turn, may bring it up with their endorsement, if they see fit and proper, before the committee on pensions in Congress."

Comrade Billings: "The Committee on Resolutions recommends its adoption."

The question of the adoption of this resolution was put before the convention and passed without dissent.

Comrade Billings: "Medical Director John Gilbert presents this document: —

Whereas, In times past special railroad rates have been obtained to and from Department Encampments; and

Whereas, The parties interested have been denied this privilege for a long time; and

Whereas, Mr. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, has now control of fixing the rates of fare on the railroads of the country; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Department Commander, together with the Quartermaster-General, be a committee to investigate this matter and ask to have restored the privilege of reduced rates to and from Department Encampments at as early a date as possible.

"The Committee on Resolutions sees no reason why this also should not be recommended for adoption."

This resolution was thereupon formally presented to the convention and adopted by an affirmative vote.

Comrade Billings: "The committee also desires to offer the following resolve: —

Resolved, That the thanks of the Encampment are extended to the Department Commander and his associates in office, whether elective or appointive, for their devoted and untiring service and labors in the interest of the Order for whatever contributions they have made to its present healthful condition.

"The chairman of the committee recommends the adoption of this resolve, and he trusts to the honesty of the officers, if you adopt it, to behave themselves for the rest of their term."

Thereupon the chairman of the Committee on Resolutions puts the question on the adoption of this resolve, which is duly passed.

Comrade Billings: "Resolved, that the thanks of this Encampment are due and are hereby tendered to Comrades of Post 68 and 143 for their efficient service as guards during this meeting. The Committee on Resolutions moves its adoption."

This also was passed without a dissenting vote.

Comrade Billings: "The other matter brought before you on recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, which you heard yesterday, your committee has decided to present in the following form:—" —

To the Honorable Members of the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress from Massachusetts.

GENTLEMEN: — The veteran representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Massachusetts, in their Fifty-second Annual Encampment assembled, hereby request your hearty support of the Smoot Pension Bill, so called, it being Senate Bill, No. 3783.

Gentlemen, your zeal and generosity shown in providing for the boys who have gone or shall go "Over There," as well as for their dependents, meets with our warmest and most profound approval; but we feel warranted in an assurance founded on justice that the urgent needs of the fearless men who stood as human bulwarks against treason at Bloody Lane and Stone River and Mobile Bay, at Snodgrass Hill and the Bloody Angle, at Cemetery Hill and a hundred other gory fields, who are dying at the rate of a hundred men a day, will not appeal to you in vain.

Therefore, as the representative of 9,000 veterans in the Order in this Department, we look to you in confidence to do your uttermost to secure for this bill an early passage, and the incoming Department Commander is instructed to see that a copy of this petition is placed immediately in the hands of our Congressmen.

"The committee recommend this."

A unanimous vote of approval was accorded to this petition.

Commander: "Is there any other business to come before this Encampment?"

Assistant Quartermaster-General Wetherbee: "Comrades, I have come before you several times asking for something for somebody besides myself. To-day I have been asked by a number of our Comrades to make a short statement regarding the Home in Newtonville.

"I find there are those who do not care much for the widows and wives of the Comrades of this organization, and they are doing their best to mislead our Comrades about the Home. I want to say, in the first place, that our Home is controlled by an association embracing only Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and members of each one of our allied organizations — no one else. In the association we have such Comrades as Gilman, Knowles, Fiske and almost every one of our Past Department Commanders, and they are not men who give their approval to things that are not right.

"I want to say, in the next place, that that Home is doing a splendid work. It is full to overflowing, and we have to-day one more in the Home than we have any right to keep there. In order that this woman may receive proper care the matron has taken her to her own room. We have a waiting list of fourteen people for whom at present we have no room. With the innumerable calls made on every one at this time for money, it is very hard to get enough funds to carry on our Home, and for that reason I have appealed to you on several

occasions. I want to say that the Posts of the Grand Army have made my heart glad many times by their donations. These gifts, together with others received from the Woman's Relief Corps, from the Ladies of the G. A. R., from Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary and the Sons themselves, have enabled us to keep along. We have paid up a lot of old debts, put in \$700 worth of repairs, and to-day the inmates are living there a happy family, and all enjoying themselves.

"In a short time I propose to send out another circular. In the meantime if there is any one of you who does not understand about the Home, if you do not know what it is, or if you want to ask me any questions in regard to its character and conduct, I would be more than glad to answer them. We have a Home we are proud of, which is doing splendid work, and as happy a Home as there is in this country anywhere. We simply want you boys to help us along a little to give the old people in our hands a few more happy days in their declining years. We wish the Comrades would come out to the Home and see it for themselves. We never have had one come there who did not think it a grand good thing, and send us some money afterwards. Now, when you get these circulars, if you feel you can help us I hope you will do so."

Assistant Adjutant-General Nordell: "At the Encampment held last year a communication was received from Post 47 in Haverhill concerning changing the time of nominating and electing and installing the Post officers. That communication was referred by the Encampment of 1917 to the advisory council for further consideration. The Council of Administration has considered the matter carefully and voted unanimously, after thorough discussion, and in view of all the difficulties in the way of such change as that suggested by Post 47, that it is inexpedient."

On motion of Comrade Billings it was voted to endorse the action of the council.

On motion of Comrade Pike a vote of thanks was tendered to the city of Boston for the use of Faneuil Hall on the occasion of this Encampment.

Commander: "I am about to leave this chair, and I want to extend my thanks to the Comrades of this Encampment for the great honor they have conferred upon me by placing me at the head of the Massachusetts Department of the Grand Army, one of the greatest honors that has ever come to me. I assure you, Comrades, I have appreciated it, and I have tried during the past year to do my duty towards the

Department, and to raise the standard to that of my predecessors. And now that I am to lay down the gavel and return again to my more humble work that I shall do for the best interests of the Comrades, I desire to thank you." [Applause.]

Comrade Nordell: "There is one other matter that needs attention. I move that a vote of thanks by this Encampment be tendered to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, who have this year as in the past granted us the use of their anterooms for the use of committees during this convention."

This was unanimously voted.

There being no other business, the Commander-in-Chief proceeded to install the following elected officers: —

Commander, EDWIN P. STANLEY, Post 67, Manchester.

Senior Vice-Commander, GEORGE W. WILDER, Post 15, Boston.

Junior Vice-Commander, HORACE GOODWIN, Post 16, Springfield.

Medical Director, JOHN GILBERT, M.D., Post 46, Fall River.

Chaplain, SETH M. HALL, Post 13, Brockton.

Council of Administration.

WALTER E. SWAN, Post 68, Dorchester.

GEORGE W. PRATT, Post 72, Stoughton.

BENJAMIN A. HAM, Post 2, South Boston.

CHARLES THOMPSON, Post 75, Stoneham.

FRANCIS A. IRELAND, Post 125, Pittsfield.

Department Commander Stanley then announced the following appointed officers, who were duly installed: —

Assistant Adjutant-General, PHILIP A. NORDELL, Post 143, Brookline.

Assistant Quartermaster-General WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Post 62, Newtonville.

Inspector, LUTHER W. BIXBY, Post 26, Roxbury.

Judge Advocate, HUBERT M. CONEY, Post 85, Ware.

Chief Mustering Officer, GEORGE KENDALL, Post 116, Gardner.

Patriotic Instructor, JOSHUA S. GRAY, Post 74, Rockland.

Chief of Staff, THOMAS SWASEY, Post 82, Marblehead.

Headquarters Clerk, EBEN W. PIKE, Post 30, Cambridge.

The following Comrades were named as a Conference Committee with allied organizations: Granville C. Fiske, Post 18; Alfred H. Knowles, Post 36; and J. Frank Dalton, Post 34.

Commander Stanley then declared the Encampment closed.

PHILIP A. NORDELL,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

At 1.30 p.m. Ford Hall was invaded by more than 300 of the comrades, eager to participate in the annual banquet. The tables were sumptuously set, and upon the platform were seated, from left to right, Past Commander George A. Hosley, Senior Vice-Commander G. W. Wilder, A. J. Hoitt, Assistant Adjutant-General Nordell, Speaker Channing H. Cox of the House of Representatives, Commander-in-Chief Somers, Past Commander Denny, Commander-elect Stanley, Oscar Hedtler, Department Commander, United Spanish War Veterans, Junior Vice-Commander-elect Goodwin, and a few others.

The exercises opened with the singing of one verse of "America" by the "Warblers," from Post 78, who throughout the afternoon added much to the interest of the program.

Previous to the dinner prayer was offered by Comrade Nordell: —

O God, our Heavenly Father, Giver of all good and perfect gifts, we thank Thee for life, for all it represents and means to us, for the opportunities of service, for the opportunities of making this world a little better than we found it. We ask Thy blessing upon the dear Comrades here to-day; we thank Thee for all the patriotic endeavors they represent; we thank Thee for all they wrought in the days of their youth, and for the influences that have gone forth from them in the days since then. Grant that Thy blessing may rest on our beloved country in this hour of strife and peril; be with us now as in the days of our fathers, as in the days of our early youth, — ever our guide, our protector and our hope. And so may Thy kingdom come in the world. We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

Comrade Denny: "I am very glad to-day to welcome the Comrades on this occasion, the closing event of this Encampment of 1918. On occasions of this character we usually have with us the Governor, but His Excellency is absent from the State. We are favored, however, by the presence of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. I have the honor to introduce to you the gentleman who is here to represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Hon. Channing H. Cox, Speaker of the House of Representatives."

Speaker Cox: "Commander Denny, Commander-in-Chief and Veterans of the great and Grand Army of the Republic: It is one of the

highest privileges which has yet come to me to come here this afternoon to bring the greetings of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to you from whom we have received such benefits; to you who deserve so much from us. It has been my great fortune to have extremely pleasant relations with members of the Grand Army. It was my privilege to be one of the representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the celebration in Gettysburg of the fiftieth anniversary of that battle in which some of you participated, and I shall never forget the pleasure of going to the various points on that battlefield in company with men who fought there fifty years before, and learning from them the stories of those great and momentous three days for this country in July, 1863.

"Last summer I saw that great procession of veterans passing through our streets, and I have been pleased to learn here this afternoon that Commander-in-Chief Somers considers it not only a great honor to be the head of your great organization, but he says it is his crowning honor to have had that office tendered to him in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. [Applause and cheers.]

"Last Saturday it was a great inspiration to see you passing through the streets, and to see the great wave of sympathy which welled up from the hearts of thousands upon thousands of spectators along the route of that march, and which accorded to you a reception of honor with the 80,000 to 85,000 men and women who participated in that Liberty Loan parade. We of a younger generation are proud of what you did, the sacrifices which you made, and I think you are to-day doing perhaps even as great work as you did in 1861 to 1865, by showing the young men of to-day what their duty to the Republic is, and by the willingness you have shown to respond in every way in your power to the calls of your country in these trying times.

"We who are representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are here to pledge to you that we stand ready to do whatever is in our power to make the remaining — and we hope they will be long — days of your life happy and comfortable. We have a great cause in which our country is now engaged, and I believe that we may be confident of what the final outcome is to be.

"When the Stars and Stripes were born in 1776 they were raised to fight in a noble and worthy cause, — the cause of independence, the cause of liberty. When, in 1812, once more the Stars and Stripes were raised aloft and carried forth to battle they went forth in a worthy cause, — the cause of freedom of the seas. When, in 1861, those Stars

and Stripes were raised aloft and carried by you; venerable men, in the cause for the freedom of slaves, for the preservation of all the Union, it was a worthy cause. When, in 1898, once more the Stars and Stripes were raised because we heard the call of those poor and suffering people in Cuba, and we raised the Stars and Stripes to fight for the freedom of a small and helpless nation, it was a worthy cause. And when, in 1917, the Stars and Stripes once more were lifted up and carried forth to battle for the rights of poor and defenseless women and children, for the protection of a helpless and weak nation, for the rights of humanity, to preserve democracy in which we of the United States glory, it was a noble, it was a worthy, it was a holy cause, and as the Stars and Stripes have never yet been raised and hauled down in surrender [applause], so, pray God, in this great struggle the Stars and Stripes may be brought back even as they were in 1865, with victory and lasting peace." [Very great applause.]

Commander Denny: "I think we made no mistake when we invited this gentleman to be here and speak to us, and while to-day I have introduced him as Speaker of the House of Representatives, I feel quite sure that in a few years we shall welcome him to these halls and he will be introduced as His Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts." [Applause.]

The "Warblers" then sang "We Old Boys of '61."

Commander Denny: "Most of us here are representatives of the army, but in order that the navy may be represented I am going to call upon National Chief of Staff and Past Department Commander George A. Hosley to say a few words for the navy."

Commander Hosley: "Mr. Commander, Commander-in-Chief and Comrades: This is an unexpected pleasure to be called upon to speak for the navy, but I can assure you it is pleasure, and I am always ready to do my best in praise of the chivalrous deeds of the navy.

"The navy asks no odds of any one except to be allowed to do its duty in every situation. From the earliest days of the history of our country the navy has been conspicuous. You can take it in the early Revolution, when the boys from Marblehead under Mountfort captured a corvette of the English, and confiscated for the use of American troops thousands of stands of arms.

"Again, who was it that awoke the shores of old Albion with the thunder of its guns? It was the American seamen, and the names of Paul Jones and Bonhomme Richard will be inscribed imperishably in the history of our country.

"Again, we come down to the days of piracy. Who was it that defeated the pirates of the Mediterranean and freed the seas from the tribute they were levying upon commerce, not of America only but of the entire world? The American seamen, and the name of Decatur is emblazoned in the history of our country.

"Again, we come down to the period of 1812, when the land forces were suffering disastrously,—the surrender of Winchester; Washington smoldering in the smoke of its ruins. Who came to the rescue then? It was the American navy, and the names of Hull, Decatur, Lawrence and Perry will live forever in our memories.

"Then we come down to the Mexican War, and Stockton is a prominent name. Later we come to that period when you boys took such an active part, and although greatly handicapped by all our vessels being sent on foreign cruises or being left in southern ports dismantled, leaving only two vessels, the 'Brooklyn' and the 'Relief' of 26 guns, for the use of Lincoln when he came into office, in only a short time we formed a blockading squadron by purchasing a merchant marine and arming them, and effectually blockaded the southern ports, opening the Mississippi to navigation, and choking the hydra-headed monster until you boys of the army could thrash the life out of him; and such names as Farragut, Cushing, Winslow and Worden make the history of that period notable, and you cannot read it and leave their names out.

"Again, we come to a later period, as has been spoken of here. This time the news flashed across the wires to Admiral Dewey in Hongkong to make the raid upon Manila, and upon the first day of May he sailed into Manila Harbor and took it without the loss of a man,—the most remarkable victory that could have been achieved. And that remarkable trip of the 'Oregon,' 18,000 miles around the Horn to San Diego, and the trapping of the Spanish fleet in Santiago. All this is simply chronicled in history, and to-day the navy is the pride of the country, as shown by the findings of the military committee in its investigation since the declaration of war, that it is the only department that has come 'up to snuff.' [Applause.]

"I am proud that I am speaking for the navy, and before this war is ended the navy will be heard from emphatically. I thank you for your kind attention." [Applause.]

Commander Denny: "President Wells of the Massachusetts Senate is here, and he also will speak to us for the Commonwealth. I have the honor to present to you the Hon. Henry M. Wells, President of the Massachusetts Senate."

President Wells: "Friends of the Grand Army; I remember one year ago the pleasure and the honor which I had in coming down to Faneuil Hall and, in behalf of the Legislature of Massachusetts, presenting to this Department a new stand of colors. I think that was one of the most pleasant and proud moments of my life. It is a pleasure and an honor and a privilege again to appear before you this afternoon at the request of your Commander.

"I am glad to say that as an honorary member of Post 47 of Haverhill I have always taken the interest in the Grand Army that every American young man and woman ought to take. We feel in these times that you men have done your duty; but we also feel that in these critical days you men are doing your duty more, perhaps, than you realize. The example set before the young men that are going to camp is such as no doubt creates in them an enthusiasm and a spirit that will carry them through as they go 'over the top.' No one could help but feel it as last August they saw you men parading the streets of Boston; and again, last Saturday, the representatives of your body heading that procession of over 80,000. One could not but feel that your organization was a most important one, to create and to maintain that spirit of patriotism which you so well upheld in the days of '61 to '65.

"As I have been through the State of Massachusetts I have seen at least three different classes of people, perhaps more. There is one class that I think is rapidly disappearing since this war broke out,—the *indifferent* class; people that didn't realize we were in war; didn't realize its seriousness; the kind of people that said we ought not to be fighting over there; that there was time enough to fight when the enemies came over here. If it hadn't been for the British army and navy we would have had to fight over here, and don't you forget it. This thing has got to be *fought* out. If villages, towns and cities have got to be destroyed, if homes have got to be demolished, if fields and forests have to be devastated, and women and children violated, it is better we fight it out over there than over here. But I believe that indifference is passing away.

"Then we find the *hysterical* type; the kind that used to take their silver and valuables and put them out into a safe-deposit vault in Worcester because they thought Boston was going to be bombarded. Let us not get hysterical; there is a lot we can do, but let's know what we are doing and know how to do it, and not waste our energy. "Then there is the type — it is hard to call them *insincere*, but at

bottom that is the whole of it. A man wears a patriotic emblem in his buttonhole, always stands up when they play the 'Star Spangled Banner,' and takes off his hat when the flag goes by, and outwardly is the most patriotic man imaginable; and then when they put a tax on his business he takes the first train for Washington; when they take off a train from his town to the city of Boston he growls about it; when he has to pay more for his sugar or coal he whines about that. My friends, we haven't begun to sacrifice and suffer in this country yet. You men can appreciate the fact when you see these young men marching down the street giving their all, and see these fathers and mothers giving up more than life itself; it behooves none of us to sit in a corner and whine and growl about some of the little sacrifices we have got to make. We haven't begun as yet. Coal \$75 a ton across the water; whole families in France have not had sugar for a year; and yet because we buy a Liberty Bond and give a little money to the Red Cross, or perhaps pay a little more for sugar and coal and give up a few things we like to eat, we think we are doing a lot. But let's get out of that mood. I don't need to tell you men that, but simply suggest that you go home and tell your friends that.

"But I am not pessimistic; do not get that idea. Several of the speakers have already pointed out the past history of this country and New England. Yes, we have had a wonderful history, and, my friends, we are not only the beneficiaries of that past, but we are going to be trustees of the future." [Applause.]

"I heard a man the other day pointing out the critical nature of the present situation. He told us, for instance, that England cabled for one-quarter of our entire production of wheat, and they could not be responsible for the consequences if they did not get it; and the authorities at Washington cabled back that they would get it and they are getting it.

"He also told us about France cabling us for 70,000 tons of sugar, and would not be responsible for the consequences if they did not get it; and they cabled back from Washington that they would get it, and 50,000 of the 70,000 tons have already gone. The next time you take one lump of sugar for your coffee instead of two remember that.

"I would like to tell you some other things. They tell us that during the four months of the meat saving this country saved 140,000,-000 pounds of meat, and do you realize that New England and Massachusetts saved one-half of the entire meat saving in this country; Massachusetts alone saved one-fifth of the entire wheat saved in the

country. Oh, we are meeting the test in the old pioneer spirit here in New England. Nearly 90,000 of our young men have already gone, and one-third of the troops, the fighting line up to a short time ago, have been New England troops. We contributed to the first Liberty Loan in New England \$332,000,000, — \$210,000,000 in Massachusetts alone; to the second Liberty Loan, \$476,000,000, — in Massachusetts alone, \$317,000,000; and we are going over the top on the third Liberty Loan. [Applause.] We subscribed to the Y. M. C. A. \$4,000,000 in Massachusetts, and nearly \$6,000,000 to the Red Cross.

"Do you know that the boys at the front, the boys gone into the service, are setting a wonderful example. General Hedges at Camp Devens told me this little incident. He told me how they rationed the men there. He said there was a certain allowance per man, and every battalion commander, every regiment, that can feed their men on less money is given credit for the difference between their allowance and what they spend for food. General Hedges told me the other day that up there at Camp Devens in a period of five months there was credited to the various organizations the sum of \$566,000, representing the saving in that large amount of food. [Applause.] Those boys are doing their part. You men are doing your part, and I believe that the State of Massachusetts is loyal and is going to do its part.

"Yes, we know it was intense artillery preparation that led to the capture of Vimy Ridge, but do you know how much discouragement it put into the hearts of the Germans, and how much encouragement into the hearts of the Canadian troops as they went over that ridge, when they saw, for the first time there, the Stars and Stripes carried — carried there for the first time? But it will not be carried there for the last time until in the words of that popular song, 'It is All Over, Over There.'

"And in conclusion I am going to tell you the old story you all have read, about 'The Man without a Country,' by Dr. Edward Everett Hale; read it again when you go home. You remember how Philip Nolan, in the impetuosity of youth, said in the presence of a commanding officer and a court-martial, 'I hope I shall never see the United States of America again,' and the sentence was that he never should see or hear of the United States of America again. And he was taken on board that boat and sailed out of the harbor, sailed around the world, and as it came homeward again he was transshipped to another boat outward bound. And you will remember how for a

period of fifty years, while he grew from a young to an old man, he was kept on the high seas; he never saw this country again, never heard its wonderful history, never knew of its marvelous development. You remember in the declining years of his life how he showed that he had learned his lesson, when the boat on which he was sailing overtook a slave ship, and those Portuguese slaves were put on board. Nolan was sent as an interpreter, and almost broke down as he translated what the men were trying to say, one that he wanted to go home, and another that he wanted to see his wife and children. And the commanding officer said, ‘Tell them, Mr. Nolan, I will take them home, if it be to the desert of Sahara.’ You will remember how Nolan walked down the deck of the vessel, arm in arm with the young midshipman, and he opened his heart to him and told him of the home he longed to see, and he wound up with these words: ‘And for that flag, boy, and for that country, never dream a dream but of serving her as she bids you, even though that service carries you through a thousand hells. No matter what happens to you, no matter who flatters you, no matter who abuses you, never look at another flag. Never let a night pass but you pray God to bless that flag. Remember, boy, that behind all these men that you have to do with, behind officers and government and people even, is the Country Herself, your Country, and that you belong to Her as you belong to your own mother. Stand by Her, boy, even as you stand by your mother.’

“And that is the last word to-day. You men don’t need the lesson, but preach it wherever you go,—to stand by the country, no matter what the sacrifice or dangers may be that will come to us; to stand by the flag you men fought for, which has never known defeat, and, pray God, never shall.” [Very great applause.]

Commander Denny: “Now, you are all waiting to hear a word from our Commander-in-Chief, and I will say that the Department of Massachusetts feels highly honored that he is present here with us to-day. We did much last summer to place him in the position that he now occupies, and we feel that no mistake has been made, for we regard him as one of the best Commanders-in-Chief that has ever occupied that position. I now have the honor of introducing to you as the next speaker Commander-in-Chief Orlando A. Somers of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.”

Thereupon the whole assembly arose and gave three cheers for the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Somers: “Comrades of the Grand Army of the

Republic and Comrades of the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts. [Applause.] I have been here two days myself, and I am inclined to think that I will claim citizenship here. [Further applause.] I believe my relation to this Commonwealth is such that I might.

"I have been west all my life. I have lived in an Indiana reserve when there wasn't a trail blazed through it, and I've heard the wolves howling around the door in the night time, and have seen the day that we could not get bacon and baked beans anywhere, and we were glad to have a few roasting ears and grate them off the cob and make mush out of them. But, friends, Abraham Lincoln was reared out there. [Applause.] Oliver P. Morton was reared out there; Benjamin Harrison was reared out there; Lew Wallace was reared out there, and James Whitcomb Riley was reared out there. [Great applause.] Why, the books are full of the great and glorious men who have been reared in the east. But, friends, somehow or other the west was peopled and these forests were cleared away, and if you were to go out there now you would find we had a very Eden, and compared with some of this waste territory between here and there our land looks as if it had been peopled for centuries, and yours was just being opened up. [Applause.]

"Enough of that. We have heard two splendid addresses here today, and you have been listening to me more or less the last forty-eight hours. I am almost tired of hearing myself speak; but what I say now may be taken, I think, as my parting word to this Department. I feel honored by being here. I am here because I received an honor in this city, and I have added gratefulness because I received it in Boston, Mass. [Applause.] Your people and what they have done have been my study since my childhood. Take it about Boston here; Boston Common has been so commonplace with you that you do not hold it in the reverence that I do, not at all. I do not look over there in the Common but that I see the boys coasting down the hill; I do not look around your tangled streets but what I think of the Redcoats that once were there; and I do not look upon your historic buildings but that I think of the people who once made this city great. Faneuil Hall, where you held your encampment, to me that is a sacred place. Boston to me is much as Jerusalem and the Holy Sepulchre are to the Christian, and as Mecca is to the Mohammedan. The people in Mecca do not think anything of the sacred stone; the citizens of Jerusalem never think of the Holy Sepulchre; it is the people who are away from there that appreciate them most, and I assure you that I

appreciate the greatness of this historic Commonwealth fully as much as any man who is a resident of it.

"Our people came from here west — remember that you have not only made this Commonwealth great, but you have sent streams of population to the western empire, and it is a glorious empire. If I could take every citizen of this Commonwealth west over this great empire, I would make even greater citizens of the people of Boston. America! America! Land of the free! No State line can circumscribe our citizens. When you have said, 'I am an American,' you have claimed the proudest title that can come to man. [Applause.]

"Now, I am in other Commonwealths. Not long ago I was at Washington. I met with the Department of the Potomac there, and was treated splendidly by the Comrades there as I am everywhere. The audience at the banquet was composed of the men who stand for the country. It was no better looking audience than I find in Boston. I could go into the White House and take my affair to the ruler of this Republic, the greatest Republic in all the ages, without any red tape or ceremony, and present to him my claim and my thought, and present to him matters that this great Encampment of six months ago placed in my hands; and I could do it with just the same ease that I could come here and talk to your Past Commander; there was nothing to withhold me from doing that. I was not embarrassed in performing that duty; it was my privilege to do it as an American citizen [applause], and happily, my friends, neither was the President embarrassed [laughter]. In no other land could that thing happen. It may happen after our flag comes back from over the seas [applause]. If we can bring that about, oh, what a glorious flag it will be.

"When the flag comes back in victory, and when the aftermath of the battle comes, then is when we will feel badly, when we get to counting the cost. You know how it was when the Civil War was over and when the companies came marching home. I remember the hundred men I went out with, and how we came back to the village; how the doors stood open and the people rushed out to greet us, and I remember that some doors just stood half open. In one of them stood a gray-haired mother looking out. Her son was my Comrade, my bunk mate; but I buried him on the battlefield. What was the cost to her? What a difference there was between her feelings and my mother's feelings on that occasion! That is what happened in thousands of homes where they looked for them that did not come.

"But, Comrades, let us carry those memories in our minds yet. I

carry that of my Comrade. I hear his voice sometimes when I want to listen to it, when I am by myself, and I see the smile that used to be on his face and hear his cheerful words. Don't you know, it is worth while to do that. I almost feel like asking you to stand up a moment in memory of the mothers who sent us out with their blessings and tears. Let us all rise in memory of the mothers. [The entire assembly rises.] Oh, that sacred memory!

God our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
Beneath whose awful Hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine —
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget — lest we forget!

Commander Denny: "I want to say this, that the two representatives of the Commonwealth left their business to come here and speak to us, and they have to go back, but the Hon. Channing Cox has requested our Commander-in-Chief to go over to the House of Representatives and speak to the legislators, and, Comrades, it is an honor when the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeks the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. and asks him to come and speak; and so we feel proud to think we are going to send him over there."

All rise as the Commander-in-Chief goes out followed by three resounding Massachusetts cheers.

Commander Denny: "We have with us to-day the representative of another body of soldiers — the Department Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans, Mr. Oscar Hedtler."

Department Commander Hedtler: Department Commander and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic: It is a great pleasure to me to represent the Department of United Spanish War Veterans, and to bring you their greetings.

"I have been touched deeply, as you have been, by the remarks of your Commander-in-Chief; we should feel proud in having such a man standing at the head of the national organization.

"I feel perfectly at home with you men, knowing that your organization and my organization are standing shoulder to shoulder behind the President of the United States in this great crisis, and that in neither organization is there a 'man without a country.'

"Perhaps your Department is not sending quite so many into the service as my Department is, but there is a reason for that. Our

Department is collecting data, and at our Ninth Annual Encampment, which will be held in this city on April 18 and 19, we shall unfurl a service flag showing according to the records just how many men we have in the service at the present time.

"Memorial Day will soon be here, and I know the Spanish War Veterans stand ready, willing and anxious to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in performing services befitting that day. You have only to call upon us, and we will do all in our power to assist; in fact, we stand ready and willing at all times to assist the Grand Army of the Republic, for it is from your organization we receive many of our inspirations. I thank you." [Applause.]

Past Commander Denny: "Comrades of Massachusetts have been honored several times by having one of our members placed at the head of the National Encampment in this country, and now we are looking forward to another Comrade occupying that position. This Comrade, whom I am going to introduce, is a Past Department Commander of this Department and a loyal worker for the Department.

"As his honor the mayor is not here to represent the city of Boston, I am going to introduce to you our good Comrade J. Payson Bradley, who will speak not only for the Grand Army of the Republic, but also for the city of Boston of which he is a citizen.

Comrade J. Payson Bradley: "Commander and Comrades; I think it was very kind of him [the chairman] in looking around here to pick out the youngest man on the platform to respond to 'the city of Boston.' I am very glad to do it under the circumstances, but I know you who have seen something of the workings of his honor the mayor would have wished that he could have been here this afternoon. We heard from him last night. He is a man whose heart and soul are bound up in the good he can do for the city. But we do not wish to take him away from his duties.

"The city of Boston is a large subject to respond to after the allusions made to it by our Commander-in-Chief. I have been a citizen ever since the closing of the conflict which made it possible for those principles proclaimed in this city by its citizens to prevail upon the battlefield and bring together once again North and South into the greatest republic the world has ever seen. Those principles having been put forward and having succeeded, and the objects that war fought for having prevailed, makes it possible to-day for the United States to take its place in the battle line of nations to decide the fate of the world. [Cheers and applause.] If you will trace back this

whole line you will see it starts from this little city of Boston, which has grown to be a magnificent metropolis, especially of this part of the nation called the New England States. The Commander-in-Chief has said how happy he was to occupy that high office, and especially because he was elected here; so you see how much the rest of the country prizes anything that originates or has culminated in this good city of ours, and the Commander-in-Chief undoubtedly speaks from the heart when he makes that statement.

"We did well last year. Some of the Comrades who worked so hard are not with us here — some have passed over; some are away on account of sickness, but nothing succeeds like success, and there seems to be the unanimous opinion in every Department of the United States that they are going to get back on Boston's good treatment by making the present speaker a sacrifice for the benefit of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Well, Comrades, there is only one thing we have got to do. One thing greater than being Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic is before us, and that is to win the war which we are engaged in now. [Cheers and applause.] And I do not care if it is the office of Commander-in-Chief, or the presidency of the United States, there is not a Comrade within the sound of my voice but that would give up everything, even life itself, to see this war won out for righteousness and truth, and see that flag we love so well come back loaded with honors from the eagle on the staff to the hilt below it.

"I am glad to respond to this toast — Boston, the 'hub of the universe' — because Boston is the place in which we are glad, as Comrades of this old Department, to meet yearly, and to drink in the inspiration which comes from her history of the war, — a history, which, as you saw, is held more sacred in the west than here in Boston. Therefore, in responding to this toast, we turn back to the deeds done here by the men of New England when, at the little Tea Party down on the wharf, and at Bunker Hill, and at Lexington, and Concord, they laid the foundations of a Republic that shall last as long as time shall endure. Glory to the city which has been first and foremost in all good works of patriotism, philanthropy, learning, and all that makes for good citizenship. Commander-in-Chief, I ask you when you go from here to take with you the love which Boston has for every old soldier who took part in the war for the Union.

"We all want to live as long as possible. And now I want to show you how do do it. If every Comrade will take a part of his pension,

or a part of the money earned, and put it into United States bonds to carry on the war, in order to collect that bond you have got to live twenty or thirty years hence; therefore put it into the bonds and remember to live to collect it. God bless the Grand Army of the Republic and bless all that it stands for from Boston to the Pacific coast, and from the Lakes to the Gulf!" [Applause.]

The "Warblers" then sang "Old Shady," solo and chorus.

Assistant Adjutant-General Nordell: "Commander and Comrades: After what has been said here this afternoon it seems superfluous for me to add anything more, but the Commander insists that I should say a few words before we close. He asked me, while Comrade Bradley was speaking, at what time it was proper to close these exercises, and I said just after Comrade Bradley gets through. [Applause.]

"We have had the Commonwealth of Massachusetts represented here this afternoon, we have the city of Boston represented here, and the Grand Army of the Republic likewise, but we haven't heard much about Portland.

"The Commander-in-Chief has told us that there has been no change in regard to the acceptance of the invitation of Portland as the place of our next National Encampment. We are going out there a large delegation I trust, from this State. There is one inducement, and that is the reduced fare. I have been saying to every Comrade who has approached me on the matter, 'Go by all means if you can possibly afford it; you will never live long enough to get another chance to get to the Pacific coast at the same rate;' and I have been gratified by receiving replies from twenty or more members of this Department that they will be there if possible. Twenty already, and the Encampment is still two or three months ahead. I trust, Comrades, that you will take this matter under consideration, and if you can possibly afford it, make the trip out there. It may seem long and expensive, but it will pay you in the end. Furthermore, there is a strong reason why you should go out there. You have just heard our Past Department Commander Bradley, and we want to nominate him and elect him out there for the office of National Commander-in-Chief. We want a strong delegation out there for that purpose. You have heard him this afternoon, and I leave it to you if you can find a man better qualified by natural gifts, by efficiency, by strength of character, by every qualification that ought to go into the makeup of a Commander-in-Chief of this great Grand Army of the Republic, than you find in the Comrade who has just spoken so loyally and so

courageously in regard to duty, love of country, and our special duties in this present crisis.

"Last year we had the Encampment here and Comrade Bradley withdrew his name from nomination then, in a very graceful and loyal way, because he thought it was asking too much for us to have both the Encampment and the office of Commander-in-Chief at that time. I was at the previous Encampment in Kansas City, and I heard the graceful speech that was made nominating him for the Commandership, and then, when he came home, he withdrew in favor of the Comrade from Ohio, who has spoken so eloquently this afternoon.

"At the Encampment in Portland next August, I trust that we shall have the privilege of bringing home with us, crowned with all the laurels that belong to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, our good Comrade J. Payson Bradley, than whom there is none in the Department who deserves it better, or will more efficiently perform the duties that pertain to the office."

Comrade Mole: "I do not know but that this may be a little out of order, but it has seemed to me that we as a Department should recognize our Comrade Bradley and endorse him as the next Commander-in-Chief, and if it is in order to-day here with this company, I would move that we endorse J. Payson Bradley as the National Commander for next year."

While this was no part of the proceedings of the hour, this motion was seconded and given a unanimous vote.

Two verses of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" were then sung by the "Warblers," the whole company joining in the chorus.

Past Commander Denny: "Now I am going to turn from these exercises to my successor, my good friend Comrade Stanley, the Commander-elect, and I want to say to him and to you that I appreciate his loyal service to me in this past year. You have stood by me in everything, and have endeavored to make my administration a success, and I want to thank you personally in the presence of your Comrades. And now I am very glad to turn over to you the Department of Massachusetts, and you will feel as proud in the coming year as I have in the past year to stand at the head of what I consider the finest Department in the whole country."

Commander Stanley: "Comrade Denny, allow me at this time to thank you cordially for your appreciation of what little I have done, and for the many courtesies extended to me by you during the past year.

"Comrades, I am now in the saddle, and if the broncho doesn't buck too hard I hope to stay there one year, and I hope during that year harmony shall prevail throughout the Department. That is one thing that I think we should make manifest, harmony being the strength of all institutions and more especially this of ours; it is necessary for us to cultivate that.

"I am not going to say any more along those lines. I want every delegate who goes to Portland to do his utmost — and I do not think he will have to work very hard from what I hear — to bring back to Boston 'Jerry' Bradley as the next Commander-in-Chief. [Applause.] If any man in the United States deserves that honor it is our friend 'Jerry.' While we have had one, now living, who has served in that capacity we feel as though we cannot go out of existence until we have had one more, — one who has served this Department as faithfully as he has. Comrades, I thank you."

After three cheers for the new Department Commander, the exercises closed by singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

PHILIP A. NORDELL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

BATES TORREY,
Stenographer.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, April 20, 1917.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 1. }

Having been elected and installed as Commander of this Department, I hereby assume command of the same.

Elected Officers. At the annual meeting of the Department held in Boston April 10 and 11, 1917, the following officers were elected:—

Commander, DANIEL E. DENNY, Post 10, Worcester.

Senior Vice-Commander, EDWIN P. STANLEY, Post 67, Manchester.

Junior Vice-Commander, GEORGE W. WILDER, Post 15, Boston.

Medical Director, JOHN GILBERT, M.D., Post 46, Fall River.

Chaplain, SETH M. HALL, Post 13, Brockton.

Council of Administration.

LUTHER W. BIXBY, Post 26, Roxbury.

EDWIN F. MORRILL, Post 156, Everett.

DAVID KING, Post 15, Boston.

WALTER E. SWAN, Post 68, Dorchester.

GEORGE W. PRATT, Post 72, Stoughton.

Appointed Officers. The following appointments are hereby announced:—

Assistant Adjutant-General, PHILIP A. NORDELL, Post 143, Brookline.

Assistant Quartermaster-General, WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Post 62, Newtonville.

Inspector, HENRY A. WINN, Post 10, Worcester.

Judge Advocate, BOWDOIN S. PARKER, Post 113, Boston.

Chief Musterering Officer, DANIEL L. WEYMOUTH, Post 68, Dorchester.

Patriotic Instructor, CASTELLY O. NORCROSS, Post 143, Brookline.

Chief of Staff, HENRY A. POND, Post 22, Milford.

Headquarters Clerk, ISRAEL DEWOLF, Post 139, Somerville.

Aides-de-Camp. The following-named Comrades are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:—

NAME.	POST.	NAME.	POST.
Andrew J. Smith,	1	Charles R. Huntley,	28
Benjamin A. Ham,	2	James Beatty,	29
Richard R. Walsh,	2	Samuel Patch,	29
O. A. Hillard,	3	Eben W. Pike,	30
Henry N. Hopkins,	3	George A. Deitz,	30
Arthur E. Worthen,	4	Alfred A. Seaverns,	31
Joseph A. Wiggin,	4	J. F. Murphy,	32
George W. Bulfinch,	5	A. R. Linscott,	33
Eugene M. Libbey,	5	J. Frank Dalton,	34
A. J. Hoitt,	5	John C. Grover,	34
Lewis H. Bullard,	6	Charles F. Joy,	35
John McGrath,	7	John M. Mason,	35
Simeon Nickerson,	8	Geo. A. J. Colgan,	35
George B. Leonard,	8	Henry Clark,	36
Charles A. Hearsey,	9	George H. Averill,	36
John J. Beaumont,	10	E. L. Jaynes,	37
Charles H. Benchley,	10	James Holmes,	37
Genery T. Darling,	10	John R. Ham,	38
Charles H. Almeder,	11	J. J. Curran,	39
George S. Campbell,	11	John W. Soule,	40
Stanley B. Dearborn,	12	Robert Morrison,	40
Charles H. Hawes,	12	William P. Burge,	41
Minot A. Tower,	13	George E. Worthen,	42
Edward Mottau,	13	Charles F. Robinson,	43
Edward A. Newton,	14	William A. Springer,	43
Alonzo E. Foss,	14	H. M. Rogers,	44
Albert Fitzemeyer,	15	Joseph A. Moore,	45
William H. Corthell,	15	Elliott Adams,	45
C. C. Hastings,	16	Richard Fleet,	46
James Anderson,	16	Joseph Bowers,	46
Israel Newton,	17	Edward G. Frothingham,	47
George W. Lord,	18	Oliver S. Hubbard,	47
Fred D. Shattuck,	19	Edward B. Savage,	47
Sidney Sibley,	19	J. Everett Wood,	48
Stillman Stone,	19	Francis Lovejoy,	48
E. F. Copeland,	20	William C. Cuseck,	49
Charles Bleiler,	21	Hiram T. Balch,	49
Granger H. Libbey,	22	Benjamin N. Moore,	50
Lucius E. Heath,	22	Frank Larrabee,	50
Joseph Rossiter,	23	E. H. Stoddard,	51
George E. Harrington,	23	Sumner Holmes,	51
Edwin A. Howe,	24	N. W. Slocum,	52
Lawson A. Seagrave,	25	Oliver J. Putnam,	53
James F. Flynn,	26	Frank Bourne,	53
George W. Little,	26	E. A. Hebard,	54
Silas Newton,	27	George E. Burgess,	54

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H. P. Hughes, . . .	55	R. O. Stockbridge, . . .	80
James W. Emery, . . .	56	William H. Otis, . . .	81
W. C. Mellsoe, . . .	56	William H. Benjamin, . . .	81
Eben Pratt, . . .	57	Thomas Swasey, . . .	82
Francis A. Bicknell, . . .	58	R. H. Salkins, . . .	82
John M. Whitcomb, . . .	58	Horace S. Tower, . . .	83
William S. Walker, . . .	59	Hubert M. Coney, . . .	85
Rupert J. Chute, . . .	60	John P. Thompson, . . .	86
Louis E. Pattison, . . .	61	H. M. Abbott, . . .	86
M. Schofield, . . .	61	William L. Gage, . . .	87
Charles W. Sweetland, . . .	62	Henry A. Monk, . . .	87
John Flood, . . .	62	Chauncy M. Marstin, . . .	88
J. C. Coffin, . . .	62	George L. Phillips, . . .	88
A. B. Pierce, . . .	63	James H. Webb, . . .	88
Daniel C. Felton, . . .	63	John D. Williams, . . .	88
Leonard H. Parker, . . .	64	William H. Morgan, . . .	89
George S. Gibson, . . .	64	H. B. Wallis, . . .	89
Lewis L. Stone, . . .	64	John H. Burnsville, . . .	90
C. W. Ellis, . . .	66	Charles Newhall, . . .	90
O. H. Allen, . . .	66	Alonzo A. Rackliff, . . .	90
Henry T. Bingham, . . .	67	Thomas B. Bourne, . . .	91
George H. Rexford, . . .	68	George H. Sands, . . .	91
Jerome I. Pratt, . . .	68	Joseph E. Haskell, . . .	92
George W. Barnes, . . .	69	John Welch, . . .	92
A. D. Wheeler, . . .	69	James F. Hunter, . . .	93
Lyman S. Waters, . . .	70	Richmond L. Weston, . . .	94
A. G. Livermore, . . .	70	E. A. Hanson, . . .	95
W. H. Abbott, . . .	71	John F. Hart, . . .	96
Harry Crosby, . . .	71	W. H. Warren, . . .	96
George W. Pratt, . . .	72	O. N. Bailey, . . .	96
George O. Wentworth, . . .	72	F. W. Fellows, . . .	97
John F. Hatch, . . .	73	Cyrus H. Bates, . . .	98
William B. Arnold, . . .	73	George W. Chandler, . . .	99
J. H. Harper, . . .	74	John Q. Hill, . . .	100
J. B. Hersey, . . .	74	Charles T. Balch, . . .	101
George W. Newhall, . . .	75	Nath. S. Barry, . . .	102
Charles Thompson, . . .	75	Melzer H. Mosman, . . .	103
Willie R. Butters, . . .	76	Samuel O. Cushing, . . .	104
Frank M. Holmes, . . .	76	A. R. Griggs, . . .	104
Emory Rogers, . . .	77	E. C. Lyford, . . .	105
Gustavus S. Holden, . . .	77	George W. Pierce, . . .	105
Quincy A. Merritt, . . .	78	Charles L. Dunlap, . . .	106
Obed H. Ellis, . . .	78	Henry S. Hobson, . . .	107
Alexander W. Fulton, . . .	79	H. E. W. Clark, . . .	107
Louis F. Amadon, . . .	79	James B. Wildes, . . .	108
John W. Fairbanks, . . .	80	Joseph W. Moore, . . .	109

NAME.	POST.	NAME.	POST.
F. Cleveland,	109	A. D. Holt,	138
William B. Spear,	110	D. H. Hall,	138
Benj. F. Toppan,	111	Thomas F. Smith,	139
Albert W. Curtis,	111	Israel H. DeWolf,	139
Henry F. Ford,	112	John H. Dusseault,	139
Alfred B. Litchfield,	112	C. V. Goddard,	140
Charles B. Amory,	113	Albert J. Eddy,	140
Thomas R. Mathews,	113	Nathan C. Underwood,	141
James M. Simpson,	113	George A. Reed,	142
Lorenzo B. Blaisdell,	114	Albert W. Mann,	143
Charles H. Berry,	115	W. B. Webber,	143
George Kennedy,	116	John E. Bronson,	144
John D. Edgell,	116	William Gould,	144
George Kendall,	116	Cyrus Getchell,	145
James Ord,	117	H. A. Butterworth,	145
Ellery C. Crocker,	117	Amos C. Bradford,	146
John R. Merritt,	118	Oran J. Randlett,	146
Charles G. Kauffman,	119	Oriville W. Prouty,	147
William B. Foster,	119	Samuel H. Brookings,	148
Joseph Denio,	120	Humphrey D. Sullivan,	149
William L. Dickey,	120	Edward Lyman,	149
James F. Shapley,	121	John A. Bradley,	151
Edwin J. Chandler,	121	Cyrus Andrews,	152
George W. Marden,	122	J. Horace Burnham,	152
J. J. Janvrin,	122	Gustavus W. Jones,	153
James Oliver,	123	Henry W. Clark,	153
L. B. Hastings,	123	George H. Bonney,	154
C. B. Scudder,	125	Francis N. Wood,	155
Francis A. Ireland,	125	Henry Schrow,	156
Francis E. Mole,	126	Freeman A. Langley,	156
J. Wesley Gurney,	126	Nathan W. Fisher,	157
John Scates,	127	James H. Hathaway,	157
Charles W. Bamford,	128	William E. Estey,	159
Henry P. Boynton,	128	Allen Jones,	160
Horace C. Woods,	129	Edwin F. Wyer,	161
D. W. Newell,	130	B. F. Smith,	161
Eugene H. Newton,	131	S. O. Staples,	163
George O. Currier,	131	Charles H. Fuller,	163
J. Frank Giles,	132	Adelbert Bailey,	164
Charles N. Moore,	133	Albert M. Goulding,	165
Edward A. Ditmus,	134	William G. Taylor,	166
Isaac C. Mullen,	134	A. S. King,	166
Hiram W. Loring,	135	James Crichton,	167
William O. Bement,	135	George W. Corey,	168
Lorenzo Q. Spaulding,	136	Baldwin J. Vinton,	168
William L. Church,	137	Henry N. Fales,	169

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L. A. Lauriat,	170	William J. Hargraves,	191
Moses L. Green,	170	Edward A. Hammond,	191
George P. Field,	171	Stephen Stanley,	192
J. R. Hamilton,	171	George L. Jillson,	192
Andrew L. Nourse,	172	S. Frank Oliver,	193
William H. Hinman,	173	Ernest A. Clapp,	194
E. H. Davenport,	173	J. Bachellor,	194
Albert L. Hunt,	174	George G. Tarbell,	195
William P. Saxton,	174	Charles H. Bentley,	196
B. F. Wyman,	175	A. Starkweather,	197
H. E. Stanton,	176	John H. Skinkle,	197
B. F. Brooks,	179	E. F. Hamlin,	198
George M. Bowker,	180	Frank H. Prescott,	199
George F. Wheeler,	180	C. Bradford Holmes,	199
Lyman Wilcox,	181	William G. Whitney,	200
A. C. Padelford,	182	Benj. F. Appleby,	200
William Brown,	183	George H. Stratton,	201
M. L. Barnes,	183	John J. Ryder,	203
Albert Needham,	184	Thomas H. Soule, Jr.,	204
Harvey Clark,	184	Isaac H. Phinney,	205
Frank Coburn,	185	George E. Teele,	206
Franklin S. Pevey,	185	G. Howard Winslow,	207
Franklin P. Batcheller,	186	E. A. Gammons,	208
Charles James,	186	W. R. Stocking,	209
George H. Wyatt,	188	E. H. Moore,	211
Israel H. Hatch,	189	Henry A. Osborne,	212
Thomas J. Gifford,	190	W. D. Ring,	213
James W. Hervey,	190		

The Department Commander earnestly desires that aides-de-camp should not look upon their appointment as an empty honor. On the contrary, the Comrades so appointed should regard themselves as the Commander's special escorts when he visits their Posts or other Posts in their vicinity. In rendering this service they will show their appreciation of having been selected for it, and they will also add dignity to the office of Department Commander.

The post-office addresses of these Comrades should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant-General at once.

Aides-de-camp who have not provided themselves with the rank strap of their position should do so.

Delegates to Next National Encampment. The following delegates and alternates to the next National Encampment were elected at the Department Encampment.

Delegate-at-Large.

Edward H. Haskell, Post 62.

Alternate-at-Large.

Thomas H. Soule, Jr., Post 204.

DISTRICT No. 1.

*Representatives.*Joseph Bowers, Post 46.
John H. Lawrence, Post 1.*Alternates.*John Gilbert, M.D., Post 46.
T. J. Gifford, Post 190.

DISTRICT No. 2.

John A. Hall, Post 13.
Obed H. Ellis, Post 78.S. F. Buffum, Post 83.
Horace S. Tower, Post 83.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Francis A. Bicknell, Post 58.
George W. Pratt, Post 72.Richard H. Lincoln, Post 144.
Leonard W. Cain, Post 58.

DISTRICT No. 4.

George L. Spencer, Post 7.
Bernhard Sohmer, Post 191.
C. Bradford Holmes, Post 199.
Benjamin Ham, Post 2.Frank H. Prescott, Post 199.
William J. Hargraves, Post 191.
George A. J. Colgan, Post 35.
James F. Flynn, Post 26.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Charles H. Lewis, Post 49.
John W. McKnight, Post 89.
Dudley J. Marston, Post 122.
William K. Webber, Post 5.
George W. Heath, Post 47.Clarence M. Sprague, Post 5.
John J. Curran, Post 39.
Charles S. Noyes, Post 49.
John A. Day, Post 101.
James Morgan, Post 39.

DISTRICT No. 6.

John Stafford, Post 56.
George M. Bowker, Post 180.
Daniel H. Dickenson, Post 48.
Charles H. Berry, Post 115.
Henry Clark, Post 36.Thomas Montgomery, Post 30.
Francis H. Lovejoy, Post 48.
Delette H. Hall, Post 138.
Frank J. O'Reilly, Post 56.
Charles F. Robinson, Post 43.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Theodore K. Parker, Post 153.
George W. Corey, Post 168.
Sidney Sibley, Post 19.
Genery T. Darling, Post 10.Henry A. Winn, Post 10.
Harvey Clark, Post 184.
Charles R. Huntley, Post 28.
George Kendall, Post 116.

DISTRICT No. 8.

H. E. W. Clark, Post 107.

William P. Burge, Post 41.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Lewis F. Amadon, Post 79.

Alex. W. Fulton, Post 79.

William N. Foster, Post 17.

Alphonso Oakes, Post 17.

Office Hours. Office hours at Department Headquarters will be from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.; Saturdays, from 9 A.M. to 12 noon.

Requisitions. All requisitions for supplies must be accompanied by cash, draft or money order to pay for the same. *All orders not complying with these conditions will be returned unfilled.*

Quartermasters will find herewith new requisition blanks. All previous blanks now on hand *should be destroyed at once*, as prices have materially changed.

Checks and Money Orders. All checks and money orders must be made payable to Philip A. Nordell, *Assistant Adjutant-General*. Quartermasters will take due notice.

Communications for Patriotic Instructor. All communications relating to patriotic work must be addressed to Department Patriotic Instructor, Castelly O. Norcross, Harvard Square, Brookline.

Official Correspondence. All official correspondence and invitations must be addressed to Philip A. Nordell, *Assistant Adjutant-General*, G. A. R., State House, Boston, Mass.

Publicity. It is very desirable that matters of interest to our Comrades, such as camp fires, receptions, anniversaries, patriotic rallies, regimental reunions, and meetings of county associations, should receive wider notice in the press than they usually do. If Post Commanders or Adjutants will leave or send notices of such events to the Assistant Adjutant-General at the Headquarters they will receive prompt attention. Such notices, in order to appear in the Sunday editions *preceding the event*, should be received not later than the Thursday before the papers are issued. Comrades should bear this matter in mind, and help to keep the community informed that the Grand Army is still very much alive.

By order of

DANIEL E. DENNY,
Department Commander.

PHILIP A. NORDELL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, April 20, 1917.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 2.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Each year Memorial Day returns laden with sacred memories. We are reminded of the heroic dead who in the Civil War gave their lives for the extinction of slavery in our land, for the preservation of the Union, and for the honor of our flag. As each year the number of those who survived that great conflict decreases, so each recurring Memorial Day brings an enlarging circle of broken ties and of tender recollections.

With funeral dirges and muffled drums the shortening lines of Comrades march to the near-by cemeteries to plant there the flags that mark each soldier's and sailor's final resting place, and to strew on these sacred mounds the bloom and fragrance of the springtime.

On the approaching 30th of May let every Post in our Department render again these loving and loyal tributes to their departed Comrades. Let the people in every community join in paying these honors to the brave men who saved our country from the disaster of disunion, and made possible its present greatness and its commanding position among the nations of the world.

Memorial Sunday will be observed May 27. Arrangements can usually be made with one of the local churches for an appropriate service. Every Post, and each of its allied organizations, should esteem it not only a duty but a privilege to attend such a service in a body.

Patriotic exercises should be held in the public schools on one or more days preceding Memorial Day. Comrades detailed to visit the schools on that day should seek to impress upon the minds of the scholars love of country, respect for the flag, and a veneration for the men who saved them both to posterity.

General Logan's first Memorial Day order, together with Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, should be read at all Memorial Day exercises.

Invitations should be extended to the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of Veterans, and other patriotic organizations, to participate in the exercises of Memorial Day.

By order of

DANIEL E. DENNY,
Commander.

PHILIP A. NORDELL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS., June 5, 1917.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 3.

Semiannual Reports. Consolidated Forms A and B, for the term ending June 30, 1917, are enclosed under separate cover.

Adjutants and Quartermasters should make out their reports, in duplicate, *at once after the last June meeting*, and forward one copy to these Headquarters on *or before July 5*, with the per capita tax, 10 cents for each member in good standing, enclosed.

The figures in red ink must not be changed.

MAKE ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO PHILIP A. NORDELL, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

To avoid errors Adjutants and Quartermasters should compare their list of members.

The number of *dropped* members must *not* be deducted from the numbers reported in good standing. The number of *suspended* members must be deducted.

Post Commanders should place these blanks in the hands of the Adjutants and Quartermasters *at once*. *Please do so.*

Adjutants and Quartermasters are urged to see that their additions and subtractions are correct, and that their remittances are in agreement with the figures. Follow strictly the instructions for making these reports.

Publicity. Notices of camp fires, receptions, anniversaries, regimental reunions, meetings of county associations, and patriotic rallies of all kinds, to receive attention in the Sunday editions *preceding the event* should be received at these Headquarters not later than the Thursday before the papers are issued. Such notices should always state the place, the date and the hour.

The Soldiers' Home at Chelsea. Attention is called to this Home, chartered by the State of Massachusetts as a State Home, and which is controlled by a board of twenty-one trustees, of which fifteen must be members of the Grand Army of the Republic, in good standing, with the Department Commander *ex officio*. This Home is considered one of the best in the country. It is a model of neatness and efficiency. Its inmates, after years of loyal service to their country, enjoy every needed comfort. Many of the rooms in the dormitories have been furnished and are maintained by Grand Army Posts and their allied organizations. The names of the donors appear conspicuously in the rooms so furnished, whereby a mutual interest is established between them and the occupants. The average number of inmates last year was 518; the average number in the hospital was 327; the average age was seventy-five years, and the number of deaths was 143. Entertainments are furnished every week by some outside agency, such as the Ladies' Aid Association, a Post, corps, camp, tent or other interested party. Comrades and friends are cordially invited to visit the Home. Attendants will gladly show them through the buildings.

Showing our Patriotism. In view of the war which this country has been forced to declare against Germany, and of the consequent call of President Wilson for men to rally around the colors, it seems proper for the Grand Army of the Republic to come to his support in this hour of the country's peril. We all should stand together as Americans in defence of our flag and country, and we should hold ourselves ready for any duty such as men of our age may be able to perform. Further-

more, as individuals and as Posts we should aid as much as we can in the purchase of Liberty Bonds. No safer investment can be made. The government needs an enormous sum of money. Every one who assists in providing it shows thereby his loyalty and patriotism.

The National Encampment. The executive committee in arranging for the National Encampment in Boston next August has held meetings for several months and has the details well in hand. The impression has gone abroad that the parade will be abandoned. This impression is entirely without foundation. More definite information respecting the Encampment will be issued later.

Amendments to Flag Law. Attention is hereby called to the flag law of 1913 as amended at the last session of the General Court.

CHAPTER 265, SECTION 5.

Whoever publicly mutilates, tramples upon, defaces, or treats contemptuously the flag of the United States or of Massachusetts, whether such flag is public or private property, or whoever displays such flag or any representation thereof upon which are words, figures, advertisements, or designs, or who shall in this Commonwealth expose to public view, manufacture, sell, expose for sale, give away, or have in possession for sale or to give away or for use for any purpose, any article or substance, being an article of merchandise or a receptacle of merchandise or articles upon which shall be attached through a wrapping or otherwise, engraved or printed in any manner, a representation of the United States flag, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment; but a flag which belongs to a Grand Army Post, to a camp of the legion of Spanish War Veterans, or which is the property of or is used in the service of the United States or of this Commonwealth, may have the names of battles and the name and number of the organization to which such flag belongs inscribed thereon. Words, figures, advertisements, or designs attached to, or directly or indirectly connected with the flag, or any representation thereof, in such manner that the flag or its representation is used to attract attention to or advertise such words, figures, advertisements, or designs, shall for the purposes of this act be deemed to be upon the flag. Trial justices shall have jurisdiction of violations of the provisions of this section.

In chapter 289, section 1, it was further enacted that the above law, as amended, "shall not be construed to apply to any newspaper, periodical, book, pamphlet, certificate, diploma, warrant, or commission of appointment to office, ornamental picture, article of jewelry, or stationery for use in correspondence, on which is printed, painted, or placed the flag of the United States of America not connected with any advertisement, and not used for advertising purposes."

Comrade J. Irving Gross of Dahlgren Post 2 is hereby appointed Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander.

By order of

DANIEL E. DENNY,
Department Commander.

PHILIP A. NORDELL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Information Wanted. Information is wanted concerning John Arnold Gardiner, who enlisted in the Boston Tigers and became sergeant of the company. He was well known in Charlestown, where he was employed by one firm twenty-five years. His discharge papers cannot be found. In view of the fact that his name does not appear in the War Records Office, it is possible that, as in many other instances, he enlisted under another name. Any reply to this inquiry should be addressed to Charles H. Fowler, Commander of Post 203, Lock Box 1107, Onset, Mass.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, July 20, 1917.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 4.

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Boston during the week of August 19 to 25, 1917.

Sunday Afternoon. A service will be held in the New Old South Church, Copley Square, at 3 o'clock. Past Commander-in-Chief James Tanner has been invited to deliver the address.

Monday Afternoon. The Department Aides-de-Camp will report at the Department Headquarters in the Hotel Vendome at 4 o'clock sharp.

All Massachusetts Comrades entitled to seats in the National Encampment are requested to meet at the same place at 5 o'clock to receive their credential badges and to transact other preparatory business.

Monday Evening. A semiofficial meeting will be held in Mechanics' Hall on Huntington Avenue. This meeting will be open not only to Comrades of the Grand Army and their friends, but to its allied organizations and the public at large. Ex-Governor John L. Bates, chairman of the general committee, will preside. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by His Excellency Governor Samuel W. McCall, His Honor Mayor James M. Curley, and distinguished Comrades and ladies. Greetings will be extended by the Army Nurses' Association, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans, the Daughters of Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. Responses will be made by Past Commanders-in-Chief. These greetings will take the place of those usually extended during the business sessions of these organizations.

Tuesday Morning. The parade is scheduled to start at 10 o'clock sharp. The length of march is about a mile and a half. It will be reviewed by Governor McCall at the State House, by Mayor Curley at City Hall, and by Commander-in-Chief Patterson at the grand stand on Tremont Street. It will be dismissed at Park Square.

The Massachusetts Department will form at 10 o'clock, eight file front, on the graveled walk in the center of the green on Commonwealth Avenue, the right resting on Arlington Street.

Posts with a fairly large representation are urged to march as Posts with their own colors. Posts with only a few members in the parade are advised either to join some larger Post or to consolidate with two or three neighboring Posts. The national colors of the Posts so consolidating may be carried in the front file if desired.

Automobiles will be provided for Comrades who are unable to march. Automobiles used for this purpose will park on the extreme left of the column.

Comrades who participate in the parade will appear in Grand Army uniform, with white gloves and without belts. They will remove from their coats all decorations except the regulation Grand Army badge. Commanders of Posts must see that this order is obeyed. Our Department has received great praise in past parades for observing this regulation. Comrades should feel a greater pride in the good appearance of the Department as a whole than in the gratification of mere personal feeling.

Aides-de-Camp will appear in Grand Army uniform, slouch hats, gilt cords, white gloves, black shoes and without belts or side arms.

Past Department Commanders and delegates to the National Encampment are invited to march with the staff of the Department Commander. They, with the Aides-de-Camp, will report to Henry A. Pond, Chief of Staff.

Naval veterans will form immediately behind the youngest (Oklahoma) Department and immediately in front of the Department of Massachusetts.

Tuesday Evening. A reception will be tendered to Commander-in-Chief Patterson by the national officers of the Woman's Relief Corps in the Hotel Vendome at 8 o'clock. Receptions will be held by the officers of other allied organizations at their respective headquarters.

Wednesday Forenoon and Afternoon. The first session of the National Encampment will convene in Symphony Hall at 10 o'clock. Delegates will be admitted by the credential badge. Immediately after the adjournment of the morning session a free luncheon will be served, to delegates only, in the basement of Symphony Hall by the Massachusetts Department of the Woman's Relief Corps. The time of the afternoon session will be fixed by the Encampment.

Wednesday Evening. A camp fire will be held in Mechanics' Hall at 8 o'clock. Trooping of colors under the direction of Past Department Commander J. Payson Bradley. Grand Army Posts are requested to bring their colors. Music will be furnished by bands and quartettes. Addresses will be given by prominent Comrades and ladies.

Thursday Forenoon. The closing session of the Encampment will be called to order in Symphony Hall. At the close of the session luncheon will be served in the basement, as on the previous day, to delegates.

Thursday Afternoon. An automobile excursion to Lexington and Concord will give delegates an opportunity to visit these historic sites.

Friday. An excursion down Boston Harbor for delegates, their wives and invited guests. Dinner will be served at Paragon Park, Nantasket.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Department Headquarters. Those in connection with the Encampment will be in the Hotel Vendome. Comrades can have their mail directed there. Members of other Departments as well as our own are invited to call and to register their names and addresses while in the city.

The Department Headquarters at the State House, Room 27, will be open for visitors from 9 o'clock to 4, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Massachusetts Delegates to the National Encampment who find that they

cannot attend its business sessions should notify Assistant Adjutant-General Philip A. Nordell at the earliest moment, so that alternates may be notified.

Burnside Expedition. All Comrades and shipmates who took part in the Burnside expedition to Roanoke Island and Newberne, N. C., are cordially invited to report at Kingsley Hall, Ford Building, near the State House, from 9 o'clock A.M. to 8 o'clock P.M. for registration and mutual greetings.

By order of

DANIEL E. DENNY,
Department Commander.

PHILIP A. NORDELL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Found.

A Massachusetts minute man's medallion badge, lost at the Charlestown celebration June 17, can be recovered by communicating with Comrade A. A. Nickerson, 144 Park Street, Chelsea.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Aug. 6, 1917.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

In view of several changes made by the Commander-in-Chief in General Orders No. 4, the following supplementary orders are made necessary:—

The Parade. The Department will parade with a four file front, instead of an eight file front as first stated.

Tuesday Evening. On account of a large demand, an additional camp fire will be held in Faneuil Hall on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The camp fire on Wednesday evening in Mechanics Hall will be held there, as already announced in General Orders No. 4. The trooping of colors under Past Department Commander J. Payson Bradley will take place then and there.

Automobiles. The Commanders of Posts will notify Comrades who desire to ride in automobiles furnished by the executive committee to apply for tickets to Past Commander George A. Hosley, at the Hotel Vendome, on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. This order does not apply to Posts that furnish their own automobiles.

Carrying the Colors. Sons of Veterans will be allowed to carry Post colors in place of enfeebled Comrades, if so desired. No flags or canes, used merely for decorative purposes, should be carried by the men in the ranks.

Side Arms. Side arms should be worn only by Post Commanders and by officers commanding divisions.

By order of

DANIEL E. DENNY,
Department Commander.

PHILIP A. NORDELL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Sept. 20, 1917.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

Appointments for Inspection. The following-named Comrades, on recommendation of the Department Inspector, are hereby appointed Assistant Inspectors on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. They are hereby assigned by the Department Inspector to the duty of inspecting the Posts whose numbers precede their names.

Post	1.	Joseph Bowers,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	46
Post	2.	John McGrath,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	7
Post	3.	Minot A. Tower,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	13
Post	4.	Stanley M. Dearborn,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	12
Post	5.	William H. Morgan,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	89
Post	6.	Granger S. Libbey,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	22
Post	7.	Benjamin A. Ham,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	2
Post	8.	Henry N. Hopkins,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	3
Post	9.	Charles F. Robinson,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	43
Post	10.	C. C. Hastings,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	16
Post	11.	Robert Morrison,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	40
Post	12.	Arthur E. Worthen,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	4
Posts	13, 190.	Oscar A. Hillard,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	3
Post	14.	Lucius E. Heath,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	22
Post	15.	Alfred H. Knowles,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	36
Posts	16, 77.	John J. Beaumont,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	10
Post	17.	James Oliver,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	123
Post	18.	Alonzo E. Foss,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	14
Post	19.	Alonzo D. Wheeler,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	69
Post	20.	H. Cromack,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	20
Post	21.	William H. Corthell,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	15
Post	22.	Lewis H. Bullard,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	6
Post	23.	Charles Bleiler,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	21
Post	24.	E. C. Lyford,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	105
Post	25.	James Crichton,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	167
Post	26.	James F. Shapley,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	121
Post	27.	Silas Newton,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	61
Post	28.	William S. Walker,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	59
Post	29.	Charles G. Kauffman,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	119
Post	30.	James W. Emery,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	56
Posts	31, 98.	Cyrus H. Bates,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	98
Post	32.	William E. Estey,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	159
Post	33.	Samuel H. Brookings,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	148
Post	34.	Benjamin N. Moore,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	50
Post	35.	Freeman A. Langley,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	156
Post	36.	Edward A. Hammond,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	191
Posts	37, 61, 131.	Henry A. Winn,	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	10

Post	38.	E. L. Jaynes,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	37
Post	39.	Franklin S. Pevey,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	185
Post	40.	Charles H. Almeder,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	11
Post	41.	James Anderson,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	16
Post	42.	Frank Coburn,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	185
Post	43.	H. M. Rogers,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	44
Post	44.	William A. Springer,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	43
Post	45.	Charles L. Dunlap,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	106
Post	46.	Andrew T. Smith,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	1
Post	47.	George W. Marden,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	122
Post	48.	D. H. Hall,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	138
Post	49.	Charles W. Bamford,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	128
Post	50.	John C. Grover,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	34
Post	51.	James Holmes,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	37
Post	52.	Edward Mottau,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	13
Post	53.	Sidney Sibley,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	19
Post	54.	Andrew L. Nourse,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	172
Post	55.	H. P. Hughes,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	55
Post	56.	Eben W. Pike,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	30
Post	57.	James W. Mellsop,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	56
Post	58.	Chauncey M. Marstin,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	88
Post	59.	Charles R. Huntley,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	28
Post	60.	Charles N. Moore,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	133
Posts	61, 37, 131.	Henry A. Winn,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	10
Post	62.	Wm. H. Benjamin,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	81
Posts	63, 163.	Granville C. Fiske,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	18
Post	64.	B. F. Wyman,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	175
Post	66.	John H. Dusseault,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	139
Post	67.	J. Horace Burnham,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	152
Post	68.	James F. Flynn,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	26
Post	69.	James Kennedy,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	116
Post	70.	Charles H. Benchley,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	10
Posts	71, 183.	Melzer H. Mosman,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	103
Post	72.	William B. Spear,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	110
Posts	73, 199.	Quincy A. Merritt,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	78
Posts	74, 111.	Horace S. Tower,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	83
Post	75.	Ernest A. Clapp,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	194
Post	76.	Albert M. Goulding,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	165
Posts	77, 16.	John J. Beaumont,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	10
Post	78.	John F. Hatch,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	73
Posts	79, 198.	Francis E. Mole,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	126
Posts	80, 135.	Genery T. Darling,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	10
Post	81.	John Flood,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	62
Post	82.	E. S. Hanson,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	95
Post	83.	John Scates,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	127
Post	85.	F. W. Fellows,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	97
Post	86.	William G. Taylor,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	166
Post	87.	S. Frank Oliver,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	193

Post 88.	Francis A. Bicknell,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 58
Post 89.	George W. Bulfinch,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 5
Post 90.	George W. Wyatt,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 188
Post 91.	Moses L. Green,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 170
Post 92.	William G. Whitney,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 200
Posts 93, 171.	Albert L. Hunt,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 174
Post 94.	Henry N. Fales,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 169
Post 95.	Thomas Swasey,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 82
Post 96.	R. O. Stockbridge,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 80
Post 97.	Hubert M. Coney,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 85
Posts 98, 31.	C. H. Bates,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 98
Post 99.	John Q. Hill,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 100
Post 100.	Oran J. Randlett,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 146
Post 101.	James B. Wildes,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 108
Post 102.	Henry A. Monk,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 87
Post 103.	W. H. Abbott,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 71
Post 104.	H. F. Ford,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 112
Post 105.	Edwin A. Howe,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 24
Post 106.	Joseph A. Moore,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 45
Post 107.	Francis N. Wood,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 155
Post 108.	Charles T. Balch,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 101
Post 109.	George Kennedy,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 116
Post 110.	George W. Pratt,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 72
Posts 111, 74.	Horace S. Tower,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 83
Post 112.	A. R. Griggs,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 104
Post 113.	Henry Clark,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 36
Post 114.	J. J. Janvrin,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 22
Posts 115, 138.	Francis Lovejoy,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 48
Post 116.	F. Cleveland,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 109
Post 117.	D. W. Newell,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 130
Post 118.	C. Bradford Holmes,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 199
Post 119.	James Beatty,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 29
Post 120.	Amos C. Bradford,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 146
Post 121.	James H. Hathaway,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 157
Post 122.	L. B. Blaisdell,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 114
Post 123.	C. V. Goddard,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 140
Post 125.	J. Wesley Gurney,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 126
Post 126.	Alexander W. Fulton,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 97
Post 127.	Obed H. Ellis,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 78
Post 128.	Hiram T. Balch,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 49
Post 129.	Horace C. Woods,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 60
Post 130.	Ellery C. Crocker,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 117
Posts 131, 37, 61.	Henry A. Winn,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 10
Posts 132, 208.	John J. Ryder,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 203
Posts 133, 169.	Rupert J. Chute,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 60
Post 134.	George Rouillard,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 56
Posts 135, 80.	G. T. Darling,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 10
Posts 136, 179.	L. Q. Spalding,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 136

Post 137.	L. A. Seagrave,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	25
Posts 138, 115.	Francis Lovejoy,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	48
Post 139.	Eugene M. Libbey,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	5
Post 140.	L. B. Hastings,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	123
Post 141.	W. D. Ring,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	213
Post 142.	A. B. Pierce,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	63
Post 143.	George W. Little,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	26
Post 144.	Albert W. Mann,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	143
Post 145.	Stephen Stanley,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	192
Post 146.	Joseph Denio,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	120
Post 147.	William Brown,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	183
Post 148.	A. R. Linscott,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	33
Post 149.	Wm. J. Hargraves,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	191
Post 151.	William C. Cusick,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	49
Post 152.	Henry T. Bingham,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	67
Post 153.	Albert Needham,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	184
Post 154.	Willie R. Butters,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	76
Post 155.	Henry S. Hobson,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	107
Post 156.	John M. Mason,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	35
Post 157.	George H. Sands,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	91
Post 159.	J. F. Murphy,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	32
Post 160.	John R. Ham,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	38
Post 161.	George W. Newhall,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	75
Posts 163, 63.	Granville C. Fiske,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	18
Post 164.	Adelbert Bailey,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	164
Post 165.	Frank M. Holmes,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	76
Post 166.	H. M. Abbott,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	86
Post 167.	Silas Newton,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	27
Post 168.	William H. Hinman,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	173
Posts 169, 133.	Rupert J. Chute,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	60
Post 170.	Thomas B. Bourne,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	91
Posts 171, 93.	Albert L. Hunt,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	174
Post 172.	E. A. Hebard,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	54
Post 173.	George W. Corey,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	168
Post 174.	James F. Hunter,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	93
Post 175.	George S. Gibson,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	64
Post 176.	William P. Burge,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	41
Posts 179, 136.	L. Q. Spalding,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	136
Post 180.	William B. Foster,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	119
Post 181.	Charles Ogden,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	62
Post 182.	Richard Fleet,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	46
Posts 183, 71.	Melzer H. Mosman,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	103
Post 184.	Gustavus W. Jones,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	153
Post 185.	J. J. Curran,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	39
Post 186.	George A. Deitz,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	30
Post 188.	Charles Newhall,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	90
Post 189.	Alfred A. Seavers,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	31
Posts 190, 13.	Oscar A. Hillard,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post	3

Post 191.	Charles B. Amory,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 113
Post 192.	Cyrus Getchell,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 145
Post 193.	William L. Gage,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 87
Post 194.	Charles Thompson,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 75
Post 195.	J. Everett Wood,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 48
Post 196.	M. J. Reynolds,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 197
Post 197.	Charles H. Bentley,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 196
Post 198.	Francis E. Mole,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 126
Posts 199, 73.	John R. Merritt,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 118
Post 200.	John Welch,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 92
Post 201.	George E. Teele,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 206
Post 203.	J. Frank Giles,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 132
Post 204.	W. D. Ring,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 213
Post 205.	George B. Leonard,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 8
Post 206.	George H. Stratton,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 201
Post 207.	Henry W. Coye,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 201
Posts 208, 132.	John J. Ryder,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 203
Post 209.	Louis F. Amadon,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 79
Post 211.	E. H. Moore,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 211
Post 212.	Isaac H. Phinney,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 205
Post 213.	Thos. M. Soule, Jr.,	.	.	.	.	.	of Post 204

Full instructions and blanks for reports will be mailed to each Assistant Inspector. Question No. 12 calls for date of June 30, 1916, to June 30, 1917.

The entire order of business will be transacted on the evening or afternoon of inspection, but it will be optional with the Post Commander whether to include or omit the exemplification of the Muster-in Service.

All inspections must be completed by November 30. The reports should be forwarded to Headquarters immediately after the inspection is held.

Old Glory. Flags in many of our cities and towns have in some instances lost all resemblance to the beloved Stars and Stripes. They are allowed to fly with apparently no thought on the part of the owner of repairing or replacing them.

Severe storms have reduced many flags to mere shreds of cotton or bunting, the stripes being torn from the field of stars and leaving the blue field hanging in tatters. In some cases there are flags flying that could be anything except our beloved flag, so faded are the original colors.

In these times we should have only the freshest and brightest colors. We all honor and respect the old flag, the most beautiful that flies anywhere in the wide world. To-day more depends on the maintenance of our deep respect for the flag than ever before in its history.

Comrades, let us do our part in creating a public sentiment that shall prompt every one to observe better care of our national emblem.

By order of

DANIEL E. DENNY,
Department Commander.

PHILIP A. NORDELL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Oct. 30, 1917.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 7.

Annual Election of Post Officers and Representatives. The annual election of officers of the Posts of this Department and of representatives and alternates to the next Department Encampment must be held, as required by the Rules and Regulations, at the first stated meeting in December.

The ratio of representatives in the Encampment is as follows: one representative and one alternate for every twenty members reported in good standing June 30, 1917, with one additional representative and alternate for the fraction of more than one-half that number; but every Post is entitled to at least one representative and one alternate. Credential blanks are herewith enclosed.

As Post Commanders are by virtue of their office members of the Encampments, they should not be elected as representatives.

Special Notice to Commanders. All communications from Headquarters, including Rosters, General Orders and blanks for reports of every kind, are, as a general rule, mailed to the Commanders of Posts as their names stand in the Department Roster. They alone, therefore, are responsible for the prompt delivery of these communications to the proper officers, no one of whom can fulfill his duty if the Commander neglects his. Frequent complaints come to these Headquarters that official communications have not been received. There are reasons for believing that in many such cases Commanders have laid them aside, where they are lost or forgotten. Every such neglect adds a wholly needless burden of work and expense. Strict attention to this matter would greatly diminish complaints.

Special Notice to Adjutants. Blank credentials are herewith enclosed on which to make returns.

One copy must be sent to these Headquarters IMMEDIATELY after election. They are needed at once in order to allow ample time to make up the Roll of the Department Encampment. *Immediately* means AT ONCE.

A blank Quartermaster's bond is also enclosed.

Mustering Officers. The General Order detailing Mustering Officers will be issued about December 20.

Posts selecting particular Comrades to represent the Department Commander as Mustering Officers will first secure their consent to act, and then immediately notify these Headquarters of the selection.

Recommendations must be made before December 20.

Expenses of Mustering Officers, whether they are Department officers or not, must be assumed by Posts.

Special Notice to Adjutants and Quartermasters. Under separate cover will be forwarded blank consolidated Forms A and B.

Post Commanders are earnestly urged to see that these reports are returned to Department Headquarters *immediately after the close of the last meeting in December.*

There is no reason why the report of every Post should not be filed in these Headquarters by *January 3.*

Remember that these reports must be forwarded before the newly elected officers can be installed.

It can easily be done if the Adjutant and Quartermaster will get together at the close of the last meeting in December, make out their reports, and turn them over, together with the per capita tax of 10 cents for each member, to the Commander before leaving the Post hall. This action by the Adjutant and Quartermaster will make their own work lighter and be a great help to the Assistant Adjutant-General.

Report of Deaths. A mortuary blank is herein enclosed.

Adjutants will fill these blanks, giving all deaths in the Post from last meeting in 1916 to last meeting in 1917, being careful to give all the information called for on the blank, and *forward to these Headquarters with the semiannual returns.*

Special Notice to Post Patriotic Instructors. A Post Patriotic Instructor's report blank is also herein enclosed. This report should be filled by the *retiring* Post Patriotic Instructor and mailed by *January 1* to Castelly O. Norcross, Department Patriotic Instructor, G. A. R., The Montieth, Harvard Square, Brookline, Mass.

The Department Patriotic Instructor requests all Post Commanders to urge upon their Patriotic Instructors the desirability of answering so far as possible all the questions on the blank, especially the one touching the observance of Memorial Day in the public schools. The answer should not be limited to the two or three lines left for it, but extended into the larger space below, under "Remarks." Patriotic Instructors should co-operate with the teachers in making Memorial Day an occasion for inculcating lessons of patriotism, and for honoring the living as well as the dead, "who freely gave their lives that the nation might live." Let this be a banner year for patriotic work and for the number and completeness of the reports.

Rank Straps and Ribbons. Newly elected officers desiring rank straps and ribbons should order through the Post Quartermaster immediately after election, in order that they may receive them in time for installation.

Aides on Commander-in-Chief's Staff. Commanders who wish to designate one or more Comrades of their Post as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, having first, however, obtained their consent to act, should send the name and address of such Comrades to the Assistant Adjutant-General AT ONCE. *The list will be closed November 20.*

Representatives to the Next National Encampment. The next National Encampment will be held in Portland, Ore. In view of the distance and expense of the journey, it becomes very important that the committee to be appointed at our next Department Encampment shall know on whom to depend to make the trip. Comrades who are willing and financially able to do this should send their names at once to Assistant Adjutant-General Philip A. Nordell for presentation to the committee as a reasonably assured basis for work. A list made up at haphazard is liable to contain the names of many Comrades who have not the remotest intention of going.

New Pension Law for Widows. Comrades will be glad to learn that the last Congress made generous increase of pensions for widows of officers and enlisted men of the army, navy or marine corps who served in the Civil War, the War with Spain, or the Philippine Insurrection, who are now receiving pensions, or who shall hereafter become eligible for pensions. In these cases the pensions are increased to \$25 a month, irrespective of age. No pension, however, which already exceeds \$25 a month will be reduced. This act was approved by the President Oct. 6, 1917, and

went into effect at once. The Commissioner of Pensions has announced that no application for this increase is needed, as it will appear in the next payment.

Echoes from the National Encampment. Comrades throughout our Departments will be glad to know that the praise so generously bestowed for the hospitalities extended during the recent National Encampment finds expression also in General Orders issued since then by other Departments. The following are samples:—

The Fifty-first Encampment . . . was an occasion of great interest to those who were able to attend, as well as one of continuous enjoyment, and one that will remain in the memories of those who participated in it. — *Department of Maryland.*

The Fifty-first National Encampment was one of the most impressive and notable gatherings of the Grand Army of the Republic. . . . The hospitality and cordiality extended by our Comrades of New England, and with them the citizens of to-day, was fully maintained. — *Department of Wisconsin.*

The National Encampment at Boston was an inspiring success and harmonious in every respect. The citizens of Boston, as on the previous occasions of our meeting in that historic town, did everything that it was possible to do to make our stay with them enjoyable. . . . The parade was distinctly impressive, and Boston streets were thronged to the utmost with cheering thousands. — *Department of Minnesota.*

The occasion will remain a fragrant memory while life shall last with every Comrade who was so fortunate as to have been there. — *Department of Missouri.*

Important. All communications, reports, etc., should be addressed to Philip A. Nordell, Assistant Adjutant-General, G. A. R., State House, Boston, Mass. Be sure to add the *G. A. R.*, as there is a State Adjutant-General as well.

By order of

DANIEL E. DENNY,
Commander.

PHILIP A. NORDELL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Dec. 24, 1917.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 8. }

Details for Installations. On the recommendation of Chief Mustering Officer Daniel L. Weymouth, the following-named Comrades are hereby detailed to install the officers of the Posts indicated:—

NAME.	POST.
DANIEL E. DENNY, <i>Department Commander,</i>	10, 16, 22, 61, 86
EDWIN P. STANLEY, <i>Senior Vice Department Commander,</i>	45, 90
GEORGE W. WILDER, <i>Junior Vice Department Commander,</i>	76, 186
JOHN GILBERT, M.D., <i>Medical Director,</i>	46
PHILIP A. NORDELL, <i>Assistant Adjutant-General,</i>	7, 12, 18, 40, 75, 156, 190
WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, <i>Assistant Quartermaster-General,</i>	14, 62, 68, 87, 92, 94, 119
HENRY A. WINN, <i>Department Inspector,</i>	80
GRANVILLE C. FISKE, <i>Past Department Commander,</i>	63, 168
ALFRED H. KNOWLES, <i>Past Department Commander,</i>	2, 15, 194
FRANCIS E. MOLE, <i>Past Department Commander,</i>	79, 209

NAME.	POST.	NAME.	POST.
Allen, George,	55	Kauffman, Charles G.,	36
Amadon, Lewis F.,	126	Kenney, John S.,	57
Appleton, Thomas R.,	191	Mann, Albert W.,	144
Arnold, Wm. B.,	74	Mann, Eben C.,	64
Barnes, George W.,	69	Mann, Everett N.,	73, 112
Bell, Frank A.,	26, 66, 134	Merritt, Quincy A.,	127
Bourne, Thomas B.,	157	Monk, Henry A.,	110
Bly, E. G.,	122	Moore, Charles N.,	60
Brown, Edward P.,	116	Nead, George W.,	169
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Installation Services. These shall be held at the first stated meeting in January, or they may be held publicly at a special meeting called for that purpose, at which meeting no part of the opening or closing services or signs of recognition shall be used.

Post Commanders should at once communicate with their Installing Officer, giving time and place of meeting.

No installation can take place unless the semiannual reports for the term ending Dec. 31, 1917, with the per capita tax of 10 cents for each member in good standing, have been forwarded to Department Headquarters; nor can the Quartermaster-elect be installed until he has filed his bond with the Post Commander, as required by the Rules and Regulations.

In the absence of the Mustering Officer any National or Department officer can act in any Post of the Department; and the Senior Past Post Commander can act in his own Post. *Expenses of Mustering Officers must be paid by the Posts.*

Blank Report for Mustering Officer. With this Order is transmitted a blank report for the Mustering Officer. *Adjutants should have this report filled out and hand it to the Installing Officer.*

Semiannual and Other Reports. Commanders are urged to see that their semiannual reports and obituary reports are forwarded to Department Headquarters on or before Jan. 1, 1918, as the new officers cannot be installed till the reports are received. Delegate credential reports should be mailed at once.

Adjutants, in making out credentials for the Department Encampment and all other Reports, should use only the blanks furnished for these purposes.

Countersign. The national countersign, enclosed in a brown envelope, accompanies this order.

Surrender of Charters. Attention is called to the change in Chapter II., Article I., Section 2, Rules and Regulations. It now reads: "No charter shall be surrendered by any Post as long as FIVE members thereof demand its continuance," etc.

Next Department Encampment. This will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9 and 10, 1918. Banquet at Ford Hall as usual.

Calls for Financial Aid. Attention is hereby called to Chapter V., Article XII., of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army:—

All requests for monetary assistance from Posts, with a statement of facts, must be submitted to the Department Commander for approval, whether submitted by a member of this organization, or by individuals who have no connection with the Order.

Commanders and Adjutants of Posts will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

The Southern Memorial Fund. A contribution to this fund of \$10 from Post 30, Cambridge, is hereby acknowledged.

This fund is used in defraying the expense of decorating the graves of our Comrades who died on the battle lines, in southern hospitals and in southern prisons. They died that we might be crowned with the victory they helped to win. Shall their graves be neglected while the graves of those who died at home are made shrines of patriotism?

It will require approximately \$1,800 each year to pay this tribute to their memory. While the Commander-in-Chief has not apportioned this amount among the different Departments according to their membership, he does wish that each Post, according to its means, should make a contribution for this object.

Important Warning. From time to time notices have appeared in the newspapers to the effect that veterans of the Civil War are wanted in the government service, the implication being that places are awaiting them. Three letters were received at Headquarters in one day from Comrades anxious to serve. Others have applied in person. Inquiry at the source from which these notices appear to have come shows that they merely raise hopes that cannot be realized. Should any such call issue from competent authorities, Comrades will be promptly advised from these Headquarters.

By order of

DANIEL E. DENNY,
Commander.

PHILIP A. NORDELL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, March 9, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 9. }

The Next Encampment. The Fifty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Faneuil Hall, Boston, Tuesday, April 9, 1918, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Aides-de-Camp. Aides-de-Camp who are present will report to Comrade Henry A. Pond, Chief of Staff, in the Ancients' Armory, Faneuil Hall, at 9.45 A.M., Tuesday, April 9, in uniform, white gloves, but without belts. Members of the staff who are not members of the Encampment will have seats reserved for them in the balcony.

Guards. Benjamin Stone, Jr., Post 68 of Dorchester, having tendered its services for guard duty at the Encampment, Commander Daniel L. Weymouth will detail one Comrade for Officer of the Day, one for Officer of the Guard and ten Comrades for Guards. They will report in full uniform, armed and equipped, to the Assistant Adjutant-General at Faneuil Hall, at 9 o'clock A.M., Tuesday, April 9, 1918.

Department Headquarters. Department Headquarters at the State House will be closed during the sessions of the Encampment. They will be open at 9 o'clock A.M., Thursday, April 11, when all Comrades will be cordially welcomed.

Credentials. Under separate cover the Assistant-Adjutant General has forwarded to Post Commanders the *credentials* of the members of the Department Encampment. *They will see that they are promptly placed in the hands of those authorized to use them*, with the information that they are indispensable for their admittance to the Encampment and must not be left at home.

Read and Act on the Following:—

Aides-de-Camp for the Next Administration. Post Commanders are requested to send *at once* to the Assistant Adjutant-General the name of a Comrade who will accept the position of Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander of 1918. Only those who consent to inspect at least one Post should be named. *All names must be received prior to April 10*, so that they may be published in the General Order to be issued about April 20.

Delayed Obituary Reports. The Assistant Adjutant-General greatly regrets being obliged to state that nearly half the Posts in the Department have neglected sending in their *Obituary Reports* for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917. Adjutants are respectfully urged to give this matter their immediate attention.

Important Amendment to the Rules and Regulations. At the National Encampment held in Boston last summer an important change was made respecting the delegates to be sent to the Department Encampments. Heretofore the only officer in the local Post whose office entitled him to a seat in the State Encampment has been the Commander. Now the Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders become entitled to the same privilege. Obviously they should not be chosen as delegates, as has frequently been done in the past. Posts that under the old rule have elected one or the other of these officers as a delegate should now elect another Comrade in his place. Posts that have elected both of these officers as delegates should elect two others in their place, provided the Post is entitled to two or more; otherwise

only one. Where this change is made, the Assistant Adjutant-General should at once be notified, so that credentials may be sent to the Comrades so elected. As we still have 200 Posts, this amendment adds 400 names to the 600 or more on the Encampment Roll.

The Annual Banquet. This will be held at the close of the Encampment, in Ford Hall, Ashburton Place, opposite the north wing of the State House, about 1.30, Wednesday, April 10. The tickets will be \$1.25 each. In view of the nearly doubled cost of living this addition of 25 cents to the usual price is a comparatively small increase. Tickets are now on sale by the Assistant Adjutant-General.

Comrades are urged to procure tickets as soon as possible: (1) because the caterer should know how many to provide for; and (2) because Ford Hall seats only about 500 of the thousand or more delegates whose names appear this year on the Encampment Roll.

The Southern Memorial Fund. In response to a request from the National Headquarters an appeal was issued in General Orders No. 8 for contributions to the Southern Memorial Fund. The Assistant Adjutant-General hereby reports responses from the following Posts:—

Post 30, Cambridge, . . .	\$10 00	Post 56, Cambridge, . . .	\$5 00
Post 35, Chelsea, . . .	5 00	Post 119, Lexington, . . .	5 00
Post 46, Fall River, . . .	5 00	Post 121, Hyde Park, . . .	10 00

As this General Order was going to press the following renewed appeal came to Department Commander Denny from the National Headquarters:—

MY DEAR COMMANDER: — At the meeting of the National Council of Administration, held in the Hotel Vendome at the close of the Fifty-first National Encampment, the question of raising funds for the Southern Memorial Fund was considered at some length. It was finally decided that the Commander-in-Chief should ask the Departments to raise their proportionate amount of the total sum necessary. This he has delayed doing, hoping that the amounts subscribed might be sufficient. The appeals made in General Orders have been so little heeded that it now becomes necessary to ask each Department Commander to secure from the Posts in his Department a specified amount. We estimate that \$100 will be a fair amount for your Department to contribute.

Will you not appeal to the Posts in your Department to respond liberally and promptly to this request? In the eight Departments which have the care of these graves in the South, there are less than 2,500 Comrades to take care of the hundreds of thousands of graves of our Comrades who fell in battle or died of wounds. Some of these southern Comrades have to travel many miles at great expense on Memorial Day — which is not observed by the localities in which they live — to pay this tribute of respect and affection, and we of the larger and stronger Departments should do our part by making it possible for them to carry on this work of love.

The Commander earnestly hopes that this appeal may receive a prompt and generous response, as all contributions should be forwarded to the Quartermaster-General by May 1.

Delegates to National Encampment. No intimation has been received from the National Headquarters that the next Encampment will be held elsewhere than at Portland, Ore. The distance and the anticipated cost have deterred many Comrades from undertaking the trip. The "National Tribune" announces, however, that the government promises to reduce the fare to 1 cent a mile for veterans of the Civil War and their allied organizations. This cuts off about \$66 from the round trip, and offers it at a cost which may never be enjoyed again. Comrades who are dis-

posed to avail themselves of this extraordinarily low fare are urgently requested to send their names at once to the Assistant Adjutant-General for the use of the committee to be appointed at our next Encampment to choose delegates to the next National Encampment.

By order of

DANIEL E. DENNY,
Commander.

PHILIP A. NORDELL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Information Wanted.

Comrade John J. Sheehan, 72 Winslow Street, Everett, Mass., wishes the address of any person who, prior to 1881, knew George R. Foster, late of Co. E, 1st Frontier Cavalry. He was credited to Marlborough, and died in Everett Feb. 20, 1917.

ROSTER DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R., 1917.

HEADQUARTERS, STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

DANIEL E. DENNY, <i>Commander</i> ,	Post 10, Worcester.
EDWIN P. STANLEY, <i>Senior Vice-Commander</i> ,	Post 67, Manchester.
GEORGE W. WILDER, <i>Junior Vice-Commander</i> ,	Post 15, Boston.
JOHN GILBERT, M.D., <i>Medical Director</i> ,	Post 46, Fall River.
SETH M. HALL, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Post 13, Brockton.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

PHILIP A. NORDELL, <i>Assistant Adjutant-General</i> ,	Post 143, Brookline.
WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, <i>Assistant Quartermaster-General</i> ,	Post 62, Newtonville.
HENRY A. WINN, <i>Inspector</i> ,	Post 10, Worcester.
BOWDOIN S. PARKER, <i>Judge Advocate</i> ,	Post 113, Boston.
DANIEL L. WEYMOUTH, <i>Chief Mustering Officer</i> ,	Post 68, Dorchester.
CASTELLY O. NORCROSS, <i>Patriotic Instructor</i> ,	Post 143, Brookline.
HENRY A. POND, <i>Chief of Staff</i> ,	Post 22, Milford.
ISRAEL H. DEWOLF, <i>Headquarters Clerk</i> ,	Post 139, Somerville.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

LUTHER W. BIXBY,	Post 26, Roxbury.
EDWIN F. MORRILL,	Post 156, Everett.
DAVID KING,	Post 15, Boston.
WALTER E. SWAN,	Post 68, Dorchester.
GEORGE W. PRATT,	Post 72, Stoughton.

Posts numerically arranged, with Location, Names of Officers, Time of Meetings, etc.

Name.	No.	Location.	Commander.	Date of Charter.	Date of Meeting.
				Dec. 31, 1917 Members	
Wm. Logan Rodman,	1	New Bedford,	Henry C. Slosson,	Oct. 4, 1866	Wednesdays.
Dahlgren,	2	South Boston,	J. B. Simonds, 220 Squantum Street, Atlantic.	Feb. 26, 1880	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
Wm. H. Bartlett,	3	Taunton,	Oscar A. Hillard, 16 Spring Street,	Jan. 2, 1867	Tuesdays.
U. S. Grant,	4	Melrose,	Rufus D. Kilgore, 63 Sargent Street,	Feb. 19, 1867	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
Gen. Lander,	5	Lynn,	Thomas H. Felter, G. A. R. Hall,	Feb. 27, 1867	Thursdays.
P. T. Wyman,	6	Holliston,	A. G. Whidden,	Mar. 8, 1867	1st Tuesday.
Chas. Russell Lowell,	7	Boston,	Jeremiah Scanlan, 1A Sharon Street,	Mar. 11, 1867	Wednesdays.
F. W. Pierce,	8	Middleborough,	N. Williams Keith,	Mar. 13, 1867	Saturdays.
Reno,	9	Hudson,	Charles A. Hearsey, Gleasondale,	May 27, 1867	Wednesdays.
George H. Ward,	10	Worcester,	Genry T. Darling, G. A. R. Hall,	Apr. 13, 1867	Thursdays.
Abraham Lincoln,	11	Charlestown,	C. H. Almeder, 296 Shawmut Avenue, Boston.	Apr. 23, 1867	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
Horace M. Warren,	12	Wakefield,	J. Warren Poland, Main Street,	Aug. 16, 1867	1st and 3d Mondays.
Fletcher Webster,	13	Brockton,	John A. Hall, 273 Pearl Street,	July 1, 1867	Wednesdays.
C. C. Phillips,	14	Hopkinton,	Michael F. Danahy,	Feb. 28, 1903	1st and 3d Mondays.
John A. Andrew,	15	Boston,	George W. Wilder, 74 Westland Avenue,	Aug. 6, 1867	Fridays.
E. K. Wilcox,	16	Springfield,	Edwin S. Witherell, 47 Florence Street,	Aug. 9, 1867	2d and 4th Wednesdays.
Gen. Sedgwick,	17	Orange,	George W. Moranville, 58 Summit Street,	Aug. 9, 1867	2d and 4th Fridays.
Col. Prescott,	18	Ashland,	Granville C. Fiske,	Aug. 12, 1867	1st and 3d Saturdays.
Edwin V. Sumner,	19	Fitchburg,	Henry M. Saunders, Whalom, Fitchburg,	Aug. 16, 1867	Mondays.
H. S. Greenleaf,	20	Colrain,	H. Cromack,	Mar. 14, 1875	- - -

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Frederick Heecker,	21	Boston,	Charles Bleiler, 7 Round Hill Street,	Feb. 22, 1881	2d Tuesday.
Maj. E. F. Fletcher,	22	Milford,	Lucius E. Heath,	Sept. 19, 1867	Wednesday.
Joseph Hooker,	23	East Boston,	H. C. Barnard, 272 Princeton Street,	Sept. 17, 1867	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
A. B. R. Sprague,	24	Grafton,	Edwin A. Howe,	Sept. 25, 1867	2d and last Monday afternoons.
H. H. Logge,	25	Uxbridge,	Stephen Rice,	Sept. 30, 1867	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
Thos. G. Stevenson,	26	Roxbury,	Wm. A. Copeland, 262 Sidney Street, Cambridge.	Oct. 1, 1867	1st and 3d Mondays.
Charles Devens,	27	Oxford,	Silas Newton,	Nov. 14, 1870	1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons.
George D. Wells,	28	West Boylston,	Charles R. Huntley,	Oct. 12, 1867	1st Saturday afternoon.
F. P. H. Rogers,	29	Waltham,	Samuel E. Clark, 333 Crescent Street,	Oct. 21, 1867	1st and 3d Mondays.
Wm. H. Smart,	30	Cambridge,	Eben W. Pike, 200 Auburn Street,	Oct. 23, 1867	1st and 3d Thursdays.
George W. Perry,	31	Scituate,	Alfred A. Seavens,	July 15, 1875	2d Thursday afternoon.
Washington,	32	South Boston,	John F. Murphy, 91 Antim Street, Cambridge.	Nov. 6, 1867	2d and 4th Thursdays.
Burbank,	33	Woburn,	Joseph E. Carr, 34 Franklin Street,	Nov. 6, 1867	Thursdays.
Phil. H. Sheridan,	34	Salem,	John C. Grover, 13½ Church Street,	Nov. 15, 1867	Tuesdays.
Theodore Winthrop,	35	Chelsea,	M. A. Purbeck, 16 Crescent Avenue, Beachmont.	Nov. 16, 1867	Thursdays.
Francis Gould,	36	Arlington,	Henry Clark, 20 Beach Street, North Cambridge.	May 26, 1881	2d and 4th Thursdays.
F. A. Sterns,	37	Spencer,	John W. Bigelow,	Nov. 20, 1867	1st and 3d Thursdays.
Dexter,	38	Brookfield,	William H. Nichols,	Nov. 27, 1867	Tuesday before full moon.
Needham,	39	Lawrence,	John J. Curran, Box 30,	Dec. 10, 1867	1st Saturday.
Gen. H. G. Berry,	40	Malden,	Charles H. Lanergan, 127 Clifton Street,	Oct. 1, 1873	Thursdays.
Members Dec. 31, 1917.					

Lyon,	41	Westfield,	62	Thomas Dyson,	Jan. 9, 1868	1st Monday.
B. F. Butler, . . .	42	Lowell,	33	Dudley L. Page, 16 Merrimack Street,	Jan. 15, 1868	1st Wednesday.
John A. Rawlins, . . .	43	Marlborough,	49	Walter S. Goss, 208 Main Street,	Jan. 15, 1868	Tuesdays.
G. Wesley Nichols, . . .	44	Southborough,	14	Samuel F. Draper, Fayville,	May 17, 1878	2d Saturday afternoon.
Col. Allen,	45	Gloucester,	51	Elliott Adams,	Jan. 21, 1868	Thursdays.
Richard Borden,	46	Fall River,	116	Joseph Bowers, 348 Bank Street,	Jan. 22, 1868	Thursdays.
Major How,	47	Haverhill,	160	George W. Heath, G. A. R. Hall,	Jan. 28, 1868	Tuesdays.
George S. Boutwell, . . .	48	Ayer,	38	Augustus Lovejoy,	Jan. 18, 1868	1st Thursday afternoon.
A. W. Bartlett,	49	Newburyport,	83	Samuel Brookings, 8 Parson Street,	Feb. 17, 1868	2d and 4th Fridays.
Union,	50	Peabody,	55	Franklin Larabee, 32 Counts Street,	Apr. 18, 1879	2d and 4th Mondays.
Ezra Bachellor,	51	North Brookfield,	28	E. H. Stoddard, East Brookfield,	Feb. 28, 1868	1st Thursday afternoon.
A. B. Randall,	52	Eastondale,	20	Nathaniel W. Slocum, South Easton,	Feb. 29, 1868	2d and 4th Saturdays.
Chas. H. Stevens,	53	Leominster,	52	Charles S. Damon, 91 Union Street,	June 13, 1868	1st and 3d Mondays.
Capt. C. S. Hastings, . . .	54	Berlin,	10	Everett A. Hebard,	June 2, 1868	1st Tuesday afternoon.
J. C. Freeman,	55	Provincetown,	8	H. P. Hughes,	Sept. 23, 1884	2d and 4th Fridays.
Charles Beck,	56	Cambridge,	42	J. W. Emery, 33 Lincoln Street, North Cambridge,	June 26, 1868	1st and 3d Mondays.
P. Stearns Davis,	57	East Cambridge,	23	Eben Pratt,	June 29, 1868	1st Wednesday.
Reynolds,	58	East Weymouth,	73	James T. Pease, Weymouth,	July 2, 1868	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
Maj. J. A. Pratt,	59	Sterling,	5	William S. Walker,	July 3, 1868	When called.
Franklin,	60	Franklin,	34	Rupert J. Chute,	May 16, 1881	2d and 4th Mondays.
Nathanael Lyon,	61	Webster,	35	Andrew R. Snow,	July 21, 1868	2d and 4th Thursdays.
Charles Ward,	62	Newtonville,	87	Stephen F. Chase,	July 21, 1868	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Gen. Wadsworth,	63	Natick,	41	Alphonso B. Pierce,	July 23, 1868	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
E. D. Baker,	64	Clinton,	29	Leonard H. Parker,	Aug. 17, 1868	1st and 3d Fridays.
S. C. Lawrence,	66	Medford,	68	Geo. L. Stokell, Rockwood Terrace,	Aug. 21, 1868	2d and 4th Tuesdays.

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				Members.	
Allen,	67	Manchester,	21	Sept. 29, 1888
Benj. Stone, Jr.,	68	Dorchester,	98	Fridays.
Joseph P. Rice,	69	Westminster,	. . . . .	Boston. 1868	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
George A. Custer,	70	Millbury,	Anson G. Livermore,	18	Theodore Manee, 433 Shawmut Avenue, Boston. 1868
Kilpatrick,	71	Holyoke,	W. H. Abbott, 139 Allyn Street	14	Alonzo D. Wheeler, R. F. D.,
A. St. John Chambre,	72	Stoughton,	James McElroy,	59	Nov. 9, 1868
McPherson,	73	Abington,	John F. Hatch, Rockland,	65	2d Saturday afternoon.
Hartsuff,	74	Rockland,	Wm. R. Groe, 117 Arlington Street,	35	Aug. 3, 1876
J. P. Gould,	75	Stoneham,	Geo. W. Newhall, 50 Gould Street,	62	1st and 3d Mondays.
Collingwood,	76	Plymouth,	W. R. Butter, Sandwich Road,	47	Nov. 25, 1868
Theron F. Hall,	77	Holden,	Charles R. Hill,	41	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
David A. Russell,	78	Whitman,	Ezra Phinney, Station A,	73	2d and 4th Mondays.
Chas. D. Sanford,	79	North Adams,	Lewis F. Amadon,	62	Oct. 8, 1868
Arthur G. Biscoe,	80	Westborough,	John W. Fairbanks, 2 Central Block,	45	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
Isaac B. Patten,	81	Watertown,	Wm. H. Benjamin, Palfrey Street,	22	Nov. 9, 1868
John Goodwin, Jr.,	82	Marblehead,	Richard H. Salkins,	62	Mondays.
J. E. Wilder,	83	Hanover,	Horace S. Tower, West Hanover,	16	Apr. 29, 1869
J. W. Lawton,	85	Ware,	Hubert M. Coney,	26	Tuesday on or before full moon.
W. L. Baker,	86	Northampton,	John P. Thompson,	90	May 12, 1869
Gen. S. Thayer,	87	South Brantree,	William L. Gage, Box 63,	28	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
					June 2, 1869
					Fridays.

Paul J. Revere,	88	Quincy,	49	Mark E. Hanson, Wollaston,	June 4, 1869	Thursdays.
J. H. Chipman, Jr.,	89	Beverly,	92	William H. Morgan, 17 Swan Street,	June 5, 1869	Thursdays.
Ward,	90	Danvers,	53	John H. Burnsville,	June 8, 1869	Mondays.
E. R. Carpenter,	91	Foxborough,	22	Thomas B. Bourne,	June 12, 1869	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
Francis Washburn,	92	Brighton,	40	Joseph H. Haskell, 94 Pleasant Street, Brookline.	Nov. 12, 1873	1st and 3d Mondays.
Ozro Miller,	93	Shelburne Falls,	28	E. F. Gillett,	June 15, 1869	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
Revere,	94	Canton,	25	Richmond L. Weston,	June 24, 1869	2d Saturday afternoon.
Gen. E. Hincks,	95	Saugus,	22	Edward A. Hanson,	June 4, 1869	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
Joe Johnson,	96	Northborough,	15	Levi Whitcomb,	June 28, 1869	1st Thursday.
E. J. Griggs,	97	Belchertown,	17	Alexander P. Cook, Granby,	Nov. 23, 1872	1st Monday afternoon.
Henry Bryant,	98	Cohasset,	14	Cyrus H. Bates,	Jan. 12, 1883	-
Gen. W. F. Bartlett,	99	Andover,	23	G. W. Chandler,	Apr. 18, 1881	1st Friday.
Col. W. B. Greene,	100	Methuen,	11	John Q. Hill,	Feb. 1, 1877	1st Friday.
Charles Sumner,	101	GroveLand,	14	John A. Day, Bradford,	June 16, 1869	1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons.
Huntington F. Wolcott,	102	Milton,	18	James Wigley, 33 Sheldon Street, East Milton.	Apr. 3, 1879	2d Wednesday.
Otis Chapman,	103	Chicopee,	14	E. S. Ellsbree, Chicopee Falls,	Oct. 7, 1879	2d Thursday.
Edwin Humphrey,	104	Hingham,	27	Samuel A. Cushing, R. F. D.,	July 26, 1869	1st Thursday.
J. Orson Fiske,	105	Upton,	10	Charles W. Comstock, 10 Plain Street,	July 15, 1881	Tuesdays.
Otis W. Wallace,	106	Rockport,	10	Charles L. Dunlap,	Dec. 30, 1881	2d and 3d Mondays.
L. L. Merrick,	107	Palmer,	10	D. J. Mahoney,	July 18, 1881	2d Wednesday.
Everett Peabody,	108	Georgetown,	22	James B. Wildes, North Street,	Aug. 18, 1869	2d and last Tuesdays.
Ericsson,	109	East Templeton,	19	Henry L. Bennett, Baldwinville,	Oct. 11, 1869	2d Saturday afternoon.
Capt. Horace Niles,	110	Randolph,	31	William B. Spear,	Oct. 29, 1869	1st and 3d Fridays.
Joseph E. Simmons,	111	Pembroke,	19	Benj. F. Toppan, -	Oct. 29, 1869	2d and 4th Saturdays.

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D. Willard Robinson,	112	Norwell,	Alfred B. Litchfield, Assinippi,	Nov. 1, 1869	Wednesday on or before full moon.
Edward W. Rinsley,	113	Boston,	Henry G. Weston, State House,	Dec. 18, 1869	3d Wednesday.
Col. C. R. Mudge,	114	Merrimac,	19 L. B. Blaisdell, Merrimacport,	Dec. 20, 1869	1st Saturday afternoon.
E. S. Clark,	115	Groton,	Charles H. Berry,	July 30, 1874	1st Saturday.
D. G. Farragut,	116	Gardner,	John R. Greenleaf, 42 Chestnut Street,	Dec. 30, 1869	Last Saturday.
Moses Ellis,	117	Medfield,	Julius A. Fitts,	Jan. 23, 1870	4th Wednesday.
Gen. James L. Bates,	118	Swampscott,	John R. Merritt,	Jan. 24, 1870	Mondays.
George G. Meade,	119	Lexington,	Everett S. Locke, 12 Waltham Street,	May 23, 1873	1st and 3d Thursdays.
James A. Garfield,	120	Lowell,	George W. Hunt, Tyngsborough,	Oct. 26, 1881	2d and 4th Wednesdays.
Timothy Ingraham,	121	Hyde Park,	Robert L. Frampton, 84 Providence Street,	Mar. 22, 1870	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
E. P. Wallace,	122	Amesbury,	Warren E. George,	Mar. 23, 1870	2d and 4th Mondays.
Parker,	123	Athol Center,	Lyman B. Hastings, Station A,	June 1, 1870	Last Saturday afternoon.
W. W. Rockwell,	125	Pittsfield,	Chester B. Scudder, Lock Box 135, Dalton,	Mar. 10, 1882	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
George E. Sayles,	126	Adams,	Francis E. Mole,	June 12, 1870	Saturday afternoons.
T. L. Bonney,	127	Hanson,	John Seates,	June 11, 1870	2d and 4th Saturdays.
Gen. J. Appleton,	128	Ipswich,	Charles W. Bamford, 47 Washington Street,	Jan. 17, 1882	Wednesdays.
W. H. Freeman,	129	Blackstone,	G. A. Stearns,	—	—
James H. Sargent,	130	West Medway,	Daniel W. Newell, Medway,	Mar. 18, 1882	1st Thursday.
George H. Thomas,	131	Leicester,	Eugene H. Newton, West Auburn,	June 21, 1870	2d Tuesday.
Charles Chipman,	132	Sandwich,	J. Frank Giles, South Sandwich,	Feb. 24, 1882	2d Saturday.

George H. Maintien,	133	Plainville,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Charles N. Moore,	.	.	.	.	May 23, 1882	3d Monday.
Robert A. Bell,	134	Boston,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Edward A. Ditmus,	40 Williams Street,	.	.	.	June 29, 1870	1st and 3d Thursdays.
E. A. Andrews,	135	Shrewsbury,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Hiram W. Loring,	Roxbury,	.	.	.	Dec. 30, 1873	1st Monday afternoon.
George C. Marshall,	136	Rutland,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Lorenzo Q. Spaulding,	.	.	.	.	July 1, 1870	-
Samuel Sibley,	137	East Douglas,	.	.	.	.	.	.	William L. Church,	Douglas,	.	.	.	Sept. 21, 1882	2d and 4th Thursdays.
Isaac Davis,	138	West Acton,	.	.	.	.	.	.	D. H. Hall,	.	.	.	.	May 2, 1882	2d Wednesday.
Willard C. Kingsley,	139	Somerville,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Charles O. Pratt,	Willow Avenue,	.	.	.	Aug. 18, 1871	Mondays.
H. V. Smith,	140	Athol,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Albert J. Eddy,	49 Myrtle Street,	.	.	.	Feb. 22, 1881	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
F. D. Hammond,	141	South Chatham,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Samuel H. Hawes,	West Chatham,	.	.	.	Mar. 15, 1882	Saturday before full moon.
Burnside,	142	Saxonville,	.	.	.	.	.	.	George A. Reed,	.	.	.	.	Nov. 29, 1870	1st and 3d Thursdays.
C. L. Chandler,	143	Brookline,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Albert W. Bright,	4 Davis Avenue,	.	.	.	Jan. 24, 1871	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
Chas. W. Carroll,	144	Dedham,	.	.	.	.	.	.	R. H. Lincoln,	116 Quincy Avenue, East Dedham.	.	.	.	May 22, 1871	1st and 3d Fridays.
Wm. A. Streeter,	145	Attleboro,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Edward W. Rhodes,	134 South Main Street.	.	.	.	June 6, 1871	2d and 4th Mondays.
Gen. Lawton,	146	Lawrence,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Theophilus Coupe,	513 Broadway,	.	.	.	Apr. 6, 1904	2d and 4th Wednesdays.
E. M. Stanton,	147	Amherst,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Oriville W. Prouty,	5 Jewett Street, Northampton.	.	.	.	Oct. 31, 1882	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
A. D. Weld,	148	Winchester,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Samuel H. Brookings,	.	.	.	.	May 22, 1872	-
Maj. G. L. Stearns,	149	Charlestown,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Chas. W. Johnson,	23 Walker Street, Charlestown.	.	.	.	Dec. 11, 1872	Wednesdays.
Major Boyd,	151	West Newbury,	.	.	.	.	.	.	John A. Bradley,	.	.	.	.	Jan. 10, 1874	4th Saturday.
O. H. P. Sargent,	152	Essex,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Albert Andrews,	South Essex,	.	.	.	Jan. 22, 1883	1st and 3d Mondays.
Gilman C. Parker,	153	Winchendon,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Gustavus W. Jones,	R. F. D.,	.	.	.	Mar. 6, 1883	1st Saturday afternoon.
Martha Sever,	154	Kingston,	.	.	.	.	.	.	George H. Bonney,	.	.	.	.	May 24, 1883	1st Saturday afternoon.
Marcus Keep,	155	Monson,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Charles Abbott,	.	.	.	.	May 6, 1883	1st Saturday afternoon.
James A. Perkins,	156	Everett,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Wellington Towle,	Fuller Street,	.	.	.	June 14, 1883	2d and 4th Saturdays.
E. B. Piper,	157	Walpole,	.	.	.	.	.	.	J. H. Hathaway,	145 Bourne Street, Roslindale.	.	.	.	July 1, 1883	1st Monday.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Posts numerically arranged, with Location, Names of Officers, Time of Meetings, etc.—Continued.

NAME.	No.	Location.	Dec. 31, 1917. Members	Commander.	Date of Charter.	Date of Meeting.
John A. Hawes,	159	East Boston,	19	Wm. E. Estee, 276 Princeton Street,	Sept. 7, 1883.	1st and 3d Mondays.
Alanson Hamilton,	160	West Brookfield,	15	Peter T. Kitteridge, . . .	Sept. 18, 1883	1st and 3d Monday afternoons.
Woburn, . . .	161	Woburn,	39	Edwin F. Wyer, 9 Warren Avenue, .	Jan. 23, 1884	3d Thursday.
Gen. J. G. Foster,	163	Framingham,	39	Augustus S. Trowbridge, . . .	Mar. 25, 1884	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
F. A. Clary, . . .	164	Conway, . . .	9	Alexander Sinclair, . . .	Apr. 29, 1884	3d Wednesday.
Wm. Wadsworth,	165	Duxbury, . . .	21	John W. Tower, . . .	May 19, 1884	1st and 3d Friday afternoons.
George C. Strong,	166	Easthampton,	16	William G. Taylor, . . .	June 17, 1884	2d Tuesday.
Rouse R. Clark,	167	Whitinsville,	12	John E. Pharnes, 60 Linwood Avenue,	June 18, 1884	Monday afternoons.
M. Ammidown,	168	Southbridge,	28	George W. Corey, . . .	June 27, 1884	2d and 4th Fridays.
George K. Bird,	169	Norwood, . . .	23	William Foreman, . . .	July 21, 1884	1st and 3d Thursdays.
John Rogers,	170	Mansfield, . . .	25	Geo. A. Fiske (Sen. Vice-Com.)	July 31, 1884	Saturdays.
Henry H. Johnson,	171	Northfield, . . .	15	James R. Hamilton, Box 117, East Northfield.	Aug. 5, 1884	3d Friday afternoon.
G. K. Warren,	172	Bolton, . . .	5	Andrew L. Nourse, . . .	Aug. 18, 1884	—
J. Arthur Johnson,	173	Sturbridge, . . .	17	W. H. Hinman, Fiskdale, . . .	Aug. 26, 1884	1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons.
Edwin E. Day,	174	Greenfield, . . .	65	W. P. Saxton, Deerfield, . . .	Aug. 29, 1884	1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons.
Washburn, . . .	175	Lancaster, . . .	9	George H. Brown, South Lancaster,	Sept. 5, 1884	1st Saturday.
Gen. H. C. Lee,	176	Huntington, . . .	18	H. E. Stanton, . . .	Oct. 9, 1884	Saturday on or before full moon.
Samuel F. Woods,	179	Barre, . . .	25	B. F. Brooks, 48 Sargent Avenue, Fitchburg,	Dec. 10, 1884	1st Saturday.

Old Concord,	180	Concord,	19	G. M. Bowker, 14 Highland Street, Concord Junction,	Dec. 20, 1884	2d Wednesday.
Galen Orr,	181	Needham,	7	Lyman Wilcox, 21 Oak Street, Needham,	Jan. 16, 1915	2d and 4th Thursdays.
C. M. Wheaton,	182	Somerset,	14	D. D. Andrews, Dighton,	Oct. 16, 1885	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
Charles C. Smith,	183	South Hadley Falls,	14	William Brown,	Jan. 14, 1886	1st and 3d Mondays.
Sergt. Plunkett,	184	Ashburnham,	12	J. W. Brine,	Apr. 1, 1885	1st Saturday afternoon.
Ladd and Whitney,	185	Lowell,	90	Franklin S. Pevey, Dover Street,	Apr. 14, 1886	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
John A. Logan,	186	Cambridge,	43	F. Miles, 32 Paul Revere Road, Arlington,	Jan. 13, 1887	2d and 4th Mondays.
Preston,	188	Beverly Farms,	11	George H. Wyatt,	Apr. 28, 1887	Wednesdays.
David Church,	189	Marshfield Hills,	21	Israel H. Hatch, North Marshfield,	Sept. 15, 1887	1st Wednesday afternoon.
R. A. Pierce,	190	New Bedford,	107	Thomas J. Gifford,	May 28, 1887	Mondays.
Gettysburg,	191	Boston,	69	Edward A. Hammond, 294 Devonshire Street.	May 11, 1888	2d and 4th Fridays.
P. M. Whiting,	192	North Attleborough,	22	Stephen Stanley, Attleboro Falls,	July 26, 1888	Mondays.
C. M. Packard,	193	Avon,	11	Ira McLaughlin, 20 Page Street,	Sept. 25, 1888	1st Monday.
Veteran,	194	Reading,	49	Ernest A. Clapp, 8 Pratt Street,	Mar. 7, 1889	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
Thomas A. Parker,	195	East Pepperell,	10	George G. Tarbell,	Mar. 20, 1889	1st Tuesday.
G. D. Anderson,	196	Great Barrington,	14	C. H. Bentley,	Mar. 26, 1889	Saturday afternoons.
Berkshire,	197	Pittsfield,	39	M. J. Reynolds, Abbott Street,	Apr. 18, 1889	2d Saturday afternoon.
Mountain Miller,	198	Plainfield,	9	S. R. Dyer,	Nov. 19, 1889	1st Wednesday afternoon.
Wm. B. Eaton,	199	Revere,	19	C. Bradford Holmes, 110 Orchard Street,	Jan. 10, 1890	Saturdays.
Boston,	200	Jamaica Plain,	34	W. G. Whitney, 1761 Washington Street, Boston.	June 5, 1890	1st and 3d Fridays.
H. C. Wade,	201	Oak Bluffs,	15	George H. Stratton,	June 19, 1890	1st Thursday.
E. B. Nye,	203	Bourne,	17	Charles H. Fowler, Lock Box 1107, Onset,	Aug. 1, 1890	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
Theo. Parkman,	204	Centerville,	18	Thomas H. Soule, Jr., Box 175, Hyannis,	Oct. 15, 1890	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.

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N.A.M.D.	No.	Location.	Members Dec. 31, 1917.	Commander.	Date of Charter.	Date of Meeting.
Bridgewater,	205	Bridgewater,	.	12	Isaac H. Phinney,	Dec. 10, 1890 2d and 4th Tuesdays.
B. F. Jones,	206	Falmouth,	.	-	Reuben E. Phinney, Waquoit,	Mar. 19, 1891 1st and 3d Wednesdays.
Thomas Gardner,	207	Nantucket,	.	14	G. Howard Winslow, 22 Liberty Street,	Aug. 28, 1891 2d and 4th Fridays.
Gen. W. T. Sherman,	208	Wareham,	.	22	Cornelius Hegerty, West Wareham,	Sept. 25, 1891 2d and 4th Fridays.
E. P. Hopkins,	209	Williamstown,	.	22	Geo. H. Larrabee,	Dec. 10, 1891 2d and 4th Mondays.
Gen. W. S. Lincoln,	211	Enfield,	.	5	E. H. Moore,	Sept. 24, 1892 1st Saturday.
A. C. Monroe,	212	East Bridgewater,	.	10	Charles E. Allen,	July 9, 1895 2d and 4th Fridays.
Y-an-no,	213	Hyannis,	.	9	W. D. Ring,	Jan. 13, 1899 2d and 4th Tuesdays.

Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1915, 8,852.

Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1916, 8,243.

Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1917, 7,483.

Roster of Past Department and Past Vice Department Commanders.

	COMMANDERS.	Post.	S. V.-COMMANDERS.	Post.	J. V.-COMMANDERS.	Post.
1866	*Austin S. Cushman, Prov. Com., . . .	1	*Arthur A. Goodell, . . .	10	*B. A. Bridges, . . .	6
1867	*Austin S. Cushman, . . .	1	*Geo. H. Pierson, . . .	34	M. W. Burt, . . .	3
1868	*A. B. R. Sprague, . . .	10	*Josiah Pickett, . . .	10	*H. C. Lee, . . .	16
1869	*Francis A. Osborn, . . .	15	*H. M. Phillips, . . .	16	*W. O. Fiske, . . .	42
1870	*James L. Bates, . . .	58	*Wm. Spaulding, . . .	11	*S. E. Chamberlain, . . .	30
1871	*Wm. Cogswell, . . .	34	*W. S. B. Hopkins, . . .	120	*Gardner A. Churchill, . . .	68
1872	*H. R. Sibley, . . .	11	*John W. Kimball, . . .	19	*Lemuel Pope, . . .	135
1873	*A. B. Underwood, . . .	62	C. H. Taylor, . . .	139	*John S. Fay, . . .	43
1874	*John W. Kimball, . . .	19	C. Frank Luther, . . .	79	*J. P. Maxfield, . . .	42
1875	*Geo. S. Merrill, . . .	39	*J. L. Skinner, . . .	36	*Herbert E. Hill, . . .	139
1876	*Horace Binney Sargent, . . .	15	*Geo. S. Evans, . . .	30	*Geo. H. Patch, . . .	142
1877	*Horace Binney Sargent, . . .	15	*John G. B. Adams, . . .	5	*John A. Hawes, . . .	1
1878	*Horace Binney Sargent, . . .	15	*John A. Hawes, . . .	1	*S. B. Spooner, . . .	16
1879	*John G. B. Adams, . . .	5	T. H. Hill, . . .	33	*Benj. S. Lovell, . . .	58
1880	*John A. Hawes, . . .	1	Benj. S. Lovell, . . .	58	*R. B. Wight, . . .	63
1881	*Geo. W. Creasey, . . .	49	*Wm. H. Hart, . . .	35	John D. Billings, . . .	94
1882	*Geo. H. Patch, . . .	142	John D. Billings, . . .	94	*W. A. Sloane, . . .	37
1883	*Geo. S. Evans, . . .	30	*John W. Hersey, . . .	16	*Richard F. Tobin, . . .	30
1884	John D. Billings, . . .	94	*Richard F. Tobin, . . .	2	*C. D. Nash, . . .	78
1885	*John W. Hersey, . . .	16	*Chas. D. Nash, . . .	78	*E. C. Whitney, . . .	68
1886	*Richard F. Tobin, . . .	2	*E. C. Whitney, . . .	68	*James Kittle, . . .	125
1887	*Chas. D. Nash, . . .	78	*Geo. L. Goodale, . . .	66	*Geo. H. Innis, . . .	2
1888	*Myron P. Walker, . . .	97	*Geo. H. Innis, . . .	2	*Arthur A. Smith, . . .	20
1889	*Geo. L. Goodale, . . .	66	*Arthur A. Smith, . . .	20	*James K. Churchill, . . .	10
1890	*Geo. H. Innis, . . .	2	*James K. Churchill, . . .	10	Eli W. Hall, . . .	5
1891	*Arthur A. Smith, . . .	20	Eli W. Hall, . . .	5	Wilfred A. Wetherbee, . . .	62
1892	*James K. Churchill, . . .	10	Wilfred A. Wetherbee, . . .	62	*Joseph W. Thayer, . . .	35
1893	Eli W. Hall, . . .	5	*Joseph W. Thayer, . . .	35	*Wm. P. Derby, . . .	16
1894	Wilfred A. Wetherbee, . . .	62	*Wm. P. Derby, . . .	16	*John M. Deane, . . .	46
1895	*Joseph W. Thayer, . . .	35	*John M. Deane, . . .	46	John E. Gilman, . . .	26
1896	*Wm. P. Derby, . . .	16	John E. Gilman, . . .	26	*Peter D. Smith, . . .	99
1897	*John M. Deane, . . .	46	Joseph F. Bartlett, . . .	162	George M. Fiske, . . .	62
1898	*William H. Bartlett, . . .	10	*Peter D. Smith, . . .	99	*Silas A. Barton, . . .	29
1899	John E. Gilman, . . .	26	*Silas A. Barton, . . .	26	*W. W. Blackmar, . . .	113
1900	*Peter D. Smith, . . .	99	*W. W. Blackmar, . . .	113	*Dwight O. Judd, . . .	71
1901	*Silas A. Barton, . . .	29	*Dwight O. Judd, . . .	71	*Lucius Field, . . .	64
1902	*W. W. Blackmar, . . .	113	*Lucius Field, . . .	64	*James H. Wolff, . . .	92
1903	*Dwight O. Judd, . . .	71	*James H. Wolff, . . .	92	J. Payson Bradley, . . .	2
1904	*Lucius Field, . . .	64	J. Payson Bradley, . . .	2	*D. H. L. Gleason, . . .	63
1905	*James H. Wolff, . . .	92	*D. H. L. Gleason, . . .	63	*Alfred S. Roe, . . .	10
1906	J. Payson Bradley, . . .	2	*Alfred S. Roe, . . .	10	*John L. Parker, . . .	5
1907	*D. H. L. Gleason, . . .	63	*John L. Parker, . . .	5	J. Willard Brown, . . .	186
1908	*Alfred S. Roe, . . .	10	J. Willard Brown, . . .	186	Granville C. Fiske, . . .	18
1909	John L. Parker, . . .	5	Granville C. Fiske, . . .	18	George A. Hosley, . . .	11
1910	*J. Willard Brown, . . .	186	George A. Hosley, . . .	11	*Isaac C. Day, . . .	101
1911	Granville C. Fiske, . . .	18	*Isaac C. Day, . . .	101	Thomas J. Ames, . . .	53
1912	George A. Hosley, . . .	11	Edward O. Skelton, . . .	191	John M. Woods, . . .	139
1913	Thomas J. Ames, . . .	53	Alfred H. Knowles, . . .	36	Francis E. Mole, . . .	126
1914	John M. Woods, . . .	139	Francis E. Mole, . . .	126	Daniel E. Denny, . . .	10
1915	Alfred H. Knowles, . . .	36	Daniel E. Denny, . . .	10	Edwin P. Stanley, . . .	67
1916	Francis E. Mole, . . .	126	Edwin P. Stanley, . . .	67	George W. Wilder, . . .	15
1917	Daniel E. Denny, . . .	10				

* Deceased.

† Honorably discharged.

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PREVIOUS NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS IN BOSTON.

The First National Encampment in Boston. — The Grand Army of the Republic, organized in 1866, convened its fifth National Encampment in Boston, May 10, 1871. Its sessions were held in the hall then occupied by John A. Andrew Post 15. Gen. John A. Logan presided. Seventeen departments were represented by sixty-eight delegates. An interesting incident was the reception of the following telegram from the Universal Peace Convention then in session in New York City:—

We congratulate you upon a peaceful Encampment. As veterans can you not add your protest against war, that there may never be another war Encampment?

This characteristic reply was telegraphed:—

Your congratulations reciprocated. The Grand Army of the Republic is determined to have peace, even if it has to fight for it.

Though the number of delegates was small, the number of distinguished men present was remarkably great, as the names of generals Logan, Burnside, Hooker, Pleasonton, Kilpatrick, Devens and Fairchild testify.

The Second National Encampment in Boston. — The Twenty-Fourth National Encampment, being the second in Boston, held its

meetings in Music Hall during the week beginning Aug. 11, 1890. Previous to this another Encampment, the twelfth, had been entertained in Springfield, Mass., in 1878. By 1890, however, the order had attained a membership of nearly half a million, and could not find accommodations except in the largest cities. From all parts of the country the veterans poured into the "Hub." Forty thousand of them marched in the great parade. Massachusetts alone mustered 18,000 men in the line. Conspicuous among the hundreds of distinguished guests were General Sherman, President Harrison, Vice-President Fairbanks, four cabinet ministers and five State Governors. Nobody foresaw that a comparatively inconspicuous Comrade from Ohio, named William McKinley, would become an occupant of the White House, and one of our martyred Presidents. Our boys were then in their prime, and able to enjoy to the utmost the unbounded hospitalities of the city, the praise of which they carried back with them to all parts of the country.

The Third National Encampment in Boston.—Fourteen years later, in 1904, the Grand Army of the Republic assembled again in Boston for its thirty-eighth National Encampment. By this time the veterans of the Civil War had passed the meridian of life. Those who still survived were on the sunset trail. One of the local newspapers remarked that those who had seen the great parade of 1890 "could not help noticing the depleted ranks, and the increasing feebleness of the soldiers who fought so nobly for their country in the days of the Civil War." It ventured the prediction that "undoubtedly for the last time in the history of Boston the Grand Army of the Republic as an organization paraded the streets of the city to-day." With 25,000 Comrades in the parade, 6,000 of whom were from the Department of Massachusetts, this prediction seems a little pessimistic. After the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. John C. Black, and his staff came the forty-five departments of the Grand Army. The parade started at 10.01 A.M. and ended at 4.20 P.M. Two of the impressive sights were the torn and tattered battle flags of Pennsylvania, borne in a hollow square formed by Sons of Veterans, and the living flag composed of 2,000 boys and girls, each dressed in one of the colors of "Old Glory," and so grouped on a grand stand as to represent a vast American flag. Nothing that could contribute to the comfort and entertainment of the visitors, or that could make the occasion memorable, was omitted by the Committee of Arrangements.

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF 1917.**BRINGING THE ENCAMPMENT TO BOSTON.**

A Discouraging Outlook. — The thought of having the National Encampment convene once more in Boston had doubtless occurred to many Comrades in the Department. But while ardently desired, this idea might never have been realized had the matter been left to their initiation. The years intervening since the previous Encampment had sadly depleted the Grand Army, and increased the physical infirmities of the survivors. It seemed doubtful whether enough of them retained sufficient vigor to make a respectable parade, hitherto the great public feature of each Encampment. Furthermore, most of the Comrades had reached an age when they were no longer engaged in active work, and consequently were largely dependent on their pensions for a living. Hence only a meager representation could be expected from the more distant parts of the country. Finally, the greater part of Europe was engaged in a colossal war. While everybody hoped that this country would not be drawn into it, nobody knew how soon such a calamity might occur. Already Germany had perpetrated such outrages against this country as led many to demand an immediate declaration of war. In view of such discouraging conditions it is certain that no definite purpose respecting another Encampment had taken root in the ranks of the Grand Army.

The Initiative taken by the Boston Chamber of Commerce. — Boston, like every other wide-awake city, has an active Chamber of Commerce. One of its functions is to make known as widely as possible the advantages of the city as a social, educational, industrial and commercial center. An effective means of doing this is to capture for Boston as many annual conventions of nation-wide organizations as the city can comfortably accommodate. For this purpose the Chamber of Commerce has a Convention Bureau, of which Mr. Paul C. Cummings was then the manager.

With an eye to possibilities Mr. Cummings communicated with the National Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic for

the purpose of ascertaining if the 1917 National Encampment could be brought to Boston. The answer seems to have been encouraging, for shortly afterwards he spoke about it to Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Gilman, who agreed with him that Boston's turn had about arrived, and that an effort should be made to bring the Encampment here. He also advised Mr. Cummings to see Department Commander Knowles, and get him to ascertain the feeling of some of the leading Comrades in the Department regarding it. These interviews elicited such prompt and enthusiastic responses that it was decided to bring the matter before the next Department Encampment, which was to meet the following April.

The Project endorsed by the Department of Massachusetts.

— To Past Department Commander J. Payson Bradley, himself a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the task was entrusted of bringing the question of the 1917 National Encampment before the Department Encampment, which convened in Faneuil Hall, April 4 and 5, 1916. This commission he discharged in his usual forceful way. It is a pleasure to recall parts of the address.

If we are ever to have the Grand Army Encampment in Boston it must be in the year 1917. After that come 1918 and 1919, the two years that are to witness the celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims, and Massachusetts will be working from one end to the other to make that celebration a success. You know that Massachusetts does not undertake to do anything that it does not carry out successfully; therefore, if you are to have the Encampment at all, 1917 is the year, because after the Pilgrim celebration we will be much older than we are now. . . . When you go out to the Encampment in Kansas City you will see other cities competing for the next National Encampment, each doing its best to secure that great demonstration, and there you are to shout for Boston. I know it will take a stampede to bring it about. Therefore I move that a committee of five be appointed to take this whole matter into consideration, and also, if they deem it expedient, to bring this matter before the National Encampment at Kansas City, first, however, having secured the endorsement of our State Department.

The motion was seconded by Past Department Commander John M. Woods, and carried by a unanimous vote. The Commander appointed as that committee Comrades J. Payson Bradley, John M. Woods, John E. Gilman, E. B. Stillings and Edward H. Haskell. This action of the Department of Massachusetts, backed as it was by the Chamber of Commerce, received the immediate and cordial support of Governor Samuel W. McCall and Mayor James M. Curley.

THE DECISION AT KANSAS CITY.

The Threatened Strike on the Railways. — As the time for the National Encampment approached, a strike of railway employees that had been talked of became more and more threatening. It seemed as if the passenger transportation system of the entire country might become tied up for an indefinite period. Whether the delegates would be able to get to Kansas City, or, if they did, whether they could get back, looked doubtful. In view of these uncertainties many who had purposed going abandoned the idea. Nevertheless, a sufficient number took the risk, so that Massachusetts was enabled to present a full delegation.

After arriving at Kansas City the railway situation became so serious that, after the Encampment had assembled, a motion was made to proceed at once to the election of officers, instead of waiting until the second day, and it came near being carried, the object being to enable all delegates who wanted to get away to do so, "lest they be stranded in Kansas City and be compelled to ride home on a mule or walk." Happily, confidence in the ability of President Wilson to find some way out of the trouble prevailed over the general fears, and a stampede was prevented.

The Invitation to go to Boston accepted. — The question where to go for the next Encampment came up for discussion in the afternoon of the first day. Hardly had the Commander-in-Chief announced that this was the next order of business than Department Commander Mole obtained recognition, and in a few well-chosen words extended an invitation from the Department of Massachusetts to the National Encampment to visit Boston in 1917. He then presented Comrade Bradley, who in an eloquent address pointed out why the invitation should be accepted. To show that the chief officials of the State and the city stood behind this invitation he read the following letters. The first is from the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, Aug. 3, 1916.

Mr. ELIAS R. MONFORT, *Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., Fiftieth National Encampment, Kansas City, Mo.*

MY DEAR SIR:— I most heartily second the invitation of the committee of the G. A. R. to have the Fifty-first National Encampment held in Boston. The Twenty-fifth Encampment, as I recollect, was held in this city, and it was a notable affair. I feel sure that the Fifty-first Encampment would be equally notable, and it would arouse the reverential interest of all the people of the city of Boston and of our Commonwealth. The Grand Army will certainly have a most friendly welcome, and I trust it will be able to come.

Yours very truly,
SAM'L. W. McCALL.

The next letter is from that remarkably active and progressive mayor of the city of Boston, Hon. James M. Curley, who has shown himself a steadfast friend of the Grand Army:—

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
BOSTON, July 28, 1916.

ELIAS R. MONFORT, *Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., Fiftieth National Encampment, Kansas City, Mo.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER:— The city of Boston extends to the Grand Army of the Republic a most cordial invitation to hold its annual encampment at the Hub of the Universe in 1917.

As chief executive of the city, I assure you that nothing will be left undone by the citizens of Boston to make the Fifty-first National Encampment one of the most enjoyable and memorable ever held.

It is peculiarly fitting that your next Encampment should be held in the city of sacred patriotic memories. It is most appropriate that the men who fought to keep this country whole should have another opportunity to visit the birthplace of American freedom.

Every year adds its burden of age, and you should have the chance to see again, before the burden becomes too heavy, the historic places that mean so much to you and to every true American citizen.

You men of the G. A. R. will not hold many more National Encampments. It is true that you will live forever in the reverential thoughts of the American people, but it is also true that there is a limit to physical strength and endurance.

You have lived wonderful lives because you have performed great deeds and made great sacrifices for your country.

It is quite natural that at this time your thoughts should dwell most earnestly upon patriotic lessons because of the recent call to arms issued by President Wilson, and it is but natural that you should have a great desire to see again the old historic places you all love so well.

I bid you, then,— not only in the name of Boston but in the name of Concord and Lexington and Bunker Hill, in the name of Faneuil Hall, the Old South and

the Old North Churches, and in the name of the many other places in Massachusetts whose names are watchwords in American history, — come to the city of Boston for your Fifty-first National Encampment.

Let me assure you that we have more than a regard for you, more than a love for you. We think of you in these years with a feeling akin to reverence, and it will be the purpose of the people of Boston to extend to you every courtesy and the warmest hospitality.

Tusting that this invitation will be accepted, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

JAMES M. CURLEY,
Mayor.

The third letter expressed through the Boston Chamber of Commerce the feeling of the leading business men and professional men of Boston in regard to entertaining again a National Encampment of the Grand Army: —

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
BOSTON, Aug. 1, 1916.

ELIAS R. MONFORT, *Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., Fiftieth National Encampment, Kansas City, Mo.*

DEAR SIR: — It is with the greatest pleasure that the Boston Chamber of Commerce joins with the State of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Department of the G. A. R., and the city of Boston in extending a cordial and hearty invitation to the National G. A. R. to hold its 1917 Encampment in the city of Boston.

Ever mindful of their obligations and duties to others, our citizens are desirous of having the opportunity once more of paying their respects to and showing their appreciation of those patriots who rendered such splendid and unselfish service to the Nation in the days of stress.

You all have been in Boston before, some perhaps not in recent years, but you all know that here patriotism abounds, and from here always comes the first response when the call of the Nation is heard.

Among the most valuable members of the chamber are enrolled many G. A. R. men, — men who are always willing to give freely of their time and energy for the betterment of the public welfare. This unselfish devotion to the public good comes, we know, from yearly associations with those whose keynote is patriotism and whose ambition is service to mankind.

You will find the people of Boston most hospitable. You will find them anxious to welcome you here and entertain you in a way that will make you leave with the very best and most lasting impressions of this city.

May nothing but success attend every phase of the Encampment this year in Kansas City. We shall look forward with keen delight to the opportunity of having you all come to Boston in 1917.

Cordially yours,

C. F. WEED,
President.

JAMES A. MCKIBBEN,
Secretary.

JAMES C. MCCORMICK,
President Convention Bureau.

Invitations were also received from Portland, Ore., and from Houston, Tex. Every consideration that could be urged in their favor was presented forcibly and eloquently. In reply to Comrade Bradley's declaration respecting Boston, that "if you do not go there next year, you will not be prepared to go to heaven," the extravagant answer was, "If you go out to Portland you will never want to go to heaven." Notwithstanding the alluring pictures drawn by rival bidders for the 1917 Encampment, most of the delegates knew what an invitation to Boston meant. They could not forget the boundless hospitality extended to them in 1890 and 1904, nor the historic interest of Boston in comparison with western cities that were scarcely on the map fifty years ago. When the ballots had been counted, 79 were for Houston, 179 for Portland and 444 for Boston. A motion to make the vote unanimous was passed with great enthusiasm. Telegrams announcing the fact were immediately sent to his honor the mayor and to the Chamber of Commerce. The task entrusted to the delegates had been achieved, and they returned with light hearts, untroubled by the railway strike which did not materialize.

PRELIMINARY WORK.

Selection of an Executive Committee. — As soon as practicable after the committee's return to Boston the Council of Administration was called together at the Department Headquarters to receive their report, and to take such further action as might seem necessary. At this meeting, held Oct. 2, 1916, it was voted that the three Department Commanders, with Past Department Commanders John M. Woods, J. Payson Bradley and Wilfred A. Wetherbee, be constituted a preliminary committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the 1917 Encampment. As the whole success of the undertaking would rest on this committee, its members had to be selected with the utmost care from men of tested business efficiency. At a subsequent meeting of the council, October 21, the Nominating Committee presented the names of Department Commander Francis E. Mole, Senior Vice Department Commander Daniel E. Denny, Junior Vice Department Commander Edwin P. Stanley, with Comrades Edward H. Haskell, John M. Woods, John E. Gilman, Ephraim B. Stillings and J. Payson Bradley as the nucleus of an Executive Committee, with power to increase its membership to twenty-one, and to carry on the work of preparation for the Encampment. The report of the committee was adopted, and by a subsequent vote the name

of Assistant Quartermaster W. A. Wetherbee was added to the list. After the adjournment of the council the Executive Committee was called to order, and elected Comrade Mole as permanent chairman. The committee as finally constituted was as follows:—

FRANCIS E. MOLE, Adams, *Chairman*.

DANIEL E. DENNY, Worcester, *Vice Chairman*.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, *Secretary*.

J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Boston.

HENRY CLARK, Arlington.

GRANVILLE E. FISKE, Ashland.

JOHN E. GILMAN, Boston.

ELI W. HALL, Lynn.

EDWARD H. HASKELL, Newton Center.

AINSLEY R. HOOPER, East Boston.

GEO. A. HOSLEY, Chester, N. H.

ALFRED H. KNOWLES, Arlington.

THOMAS R. MATHEWS, Wollaston.

PHILIP A. NORDELL, Brookline.

EDWIN P. STANLEY, Manchester.

EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Boston.

JOHN M. WOODS, Somerville.

After the Department Encampment in April, 1917, Geo. W. Wilder, Boston, then elected Junior Vice Department Commander, became *ex officio* a member of the Executive Committee.

The first session was held Oct. 21, 1916, and the last, Dec. 8, 1917. Including these two the committee held thirty-three meetings, with increasing frequency as the time of the Encampment approached. It is only fair to say, however, that almost every waking hour between the meetings was spent by the chairmen of the more important committees in working out plans for the success of the Encampment.

Subcommittees.—No one inexperienced in the handling of great conventions can have any conception of the amount of work, or the multiplicity of details involved. The Executive Committee was made as large as it was because every member was needed as the chairman of a subcommittee entrusted with some important section of the preparatory work. Each chairman selected the members of his own committee subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee. The names of those who served on these subcommittees are given in connection with the reports in the Appendix. The amount of work performed by these devoted workers, almost invariably without remuneration, was very large, and contributed greatly to the success of the Encampment.

The General Committee.—This committee embraced about fifty distinguished citizens of Boston interested in the Grand Army of the Republic, though not directly connected with it. They were ready to render any assistance that might be needed to make the Encampment a memorable event in the history of the Grand Army.

Ex-Governor John L. Bates was the chairman. With his usual grace he welcomed the Encampment to Boston, and served as chairman of the great reception held in Mechanics Hall Monday evening. Maj. Henry L. Higginson, treasurer of this committee, served also as treasurer of the Executive Committee, for whom he received and disbursed all funds connected with the Encampment.

Financing the Encampment. — Bringing the 1917 Encampment to Boston was a great idea, but no idea can make progress without hands and feet. In this case the hands and feet consisted of a host of willing workers and ample financial support, both indispensable to success. Hence, one of the most important committees in preparing for the Encampment, if not the most important, was that to which was committed the responsibility of obtaining the funds with which to defray the necessarily large expense.

The Encampments of 1890 and 1904 were notable, not only for the large sums raised, but for their effective and satisfactory disbursement. Inasmuch as this success was largely due to the work of Col. Edward H. Haskell, who had organized the campaigns of 1890 and 1904, it was felt that, if possible, his services should again be enlisted as chairman of the Finance Committee. To the gratification of his Comrades and the citizens of Boston he was prevailed upon to accept this position a third time.

This committee was composed of nearly a hundred of the most eminent citizens who were noted for their public spirit and financial standing, and all of whom were interested in contributing to the success of the Encampment. It was a matter of great satisfaction that, in response to the strong desire of the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, Maj. Henry L. Higginson, himself a survivor of the Civil War, kindly consented to act as treasurer for the Executive Committee.

It should be stated that the committee appointed to carry to Kansas City the invitation of Boston for the 1917 Encampment had not gone without assurances of financial as well as moral backing in case the invitation should be accepted. When the committee visited Governor McCall to obtain his approval of the invitation, he gave not only this, but added, "In my recommendation for next year, I will ask for an appropriation for the Grand Army of the Republic." In due time this promise was redeemed by a message to the Legislature calling for an appropriation of \$35,000 for the Encampment expenses. It is very rarely that the Legislature, without the slightest

outside pressure, and without the slightest hesitation, increases an already generous appropriation, but in this case it did this remarkable thing. It added \$1,000 to the amount asked for by the Governor, making the total appropriation by the State \$36,000. No more convincing and touching testimonial could be given of the veneration and esteem felt by these representatives of the people for the survivors of the men who saved the Union for a splendid destiny.

The Governor's special message to the Legislature, as amended, read as follows: —

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A PROPER REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH AT THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, IN THE CITY OF BOSTON DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

Resolved, That, for the purpose of uniting with the veterans of the war of the rebellion in a proper observance of the fifty-second anniversary of the termination of said war, and of assisting the grand army of the republic in holding its national encampment the present year in the city of Boston, and thereby enabling the commonwealth to offer, in testimony of its appreciation of their services to the nation, a fitting hospitality to the veteran soldiers, there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding thirty-six thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the governor and council, in such manner as they shall deem proper.

Resolved, That the governor, the lieutenant governor, the executive council, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, a special committee of three members of the senate and five members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the presiding officers of the two branches, shall represent the commonwealth at the reception and entertainment of the veterans on the occasion of the national encampment. [Approved March 19, 1917.]

Of the amount so granted \$25,000 was sent to Major Higginson, treasurer of the Executive Committee. When the disbursements for the Encampment had all been accounted for a result appeared which was as remarkable in its way as the generosity of the Legislature. The total sum used, effectively but not lavishly, amounted to only \$21,654.11. Colonel Haskill, chairman of the Finance Committee, had the great satisfaction of returning to the Governor and the Council \$3,345.89 as the unused portion of the State's gift. The total expenditure from this source was, accordingly, \$14,345.89 below the limit granted by the Legislature.

Nor was the city of Boston in the least backward in its recognition of the importance of the coming Encampment, and the tribute due the veterans of the Grand Army. In every way possible Mayor James M. Curley aided in the efforts to make the Encampment a great success. As a result of his enthusiastic co-operation, the city of Boston con-

tributed, through the erection of grand stands, decorations and various entertainments, to the amount of \$12,963.31.

Liberal as were these pledges from the State and the city, a doubt still arose, in view of the uncertainty as to what the total expense of entertaining the Encampment might be, whether these pledges would suffice. It seemed wise, therefore, to appeal to the citizens of Boston for a guarantee fund, not to be called for unless an actual deficit should arise. Immediately after the publication of the names of the General Committee, as an indication of the approval given to the Encampment by Boston's leading citizens, the Finance Committee issued the following appeal. It will be noticed that this appeal invited unconditional gifts, as well as conditional pledges.

To the Citizens of Boston and Massachusetts.

In response to a most cordial invitation from the veterans of Massachusetts, warmly seconded by our State and city officials and the Chamber of Commerce, the Grand Army of the Republic have again honored this city as the gathering place for the coming National Encampment, August 19 to 25.

This great gathering of the veterans of the Civil War, who achieved the highest distinction and the lasting gratitude of their countrymen, promises to be a most eventful occasion in the history of our city, especially because it is probable it will be the last parade here of that noble army who passed in grand and memorable review before Grant and Sherman and Sheridan at the close of the Civil War.

This gathering will also serve as a patriotic appeal to the youth of Massachusetts, who will soon be called to the Colors in defence of the same principles for which these veterans fought.

To a State and city whose reputation became historic through all the dark and trying scenes of the war, by the quick, responsive loyalty of our people and by the generous outpouring of our treasure, such an event as this will appeal at once to our citizens as an opportunity for grateful recognition of the services of the Grand Army.

To carry out this celebration with a dignity commensurate with its national importance, and in keeping with the reputation of our city for hospitality and public spirit, will necessitate a large expense.

We therefore appeal to all of our citizens to contribute in as generous a manner as possible toward securing a guarantee fund of at least \$50,000, to meet any expenses not provided for by the State and city appropriations.

All such subscriptions, or gifts, will be greatly appreciated, and acknowledged through the press, and may be sent to the chairman of the Finance Committee, Room 27, State House, Boston.

In behalf of the several committees,

JOHN L. BATES,
Chairman General Committee.

FRANCIS E. MOLE,
Chairman Executive Committee.

EDWARD H. HASSELL,
Chairman Finance Committee.

The prompt and generous response to this appeal was very gratifying, as will appear in the appended list of contributors to the guarantee fund, and also to the gift fund, and which was largely due to the efforts of the Finance Committee of the Encampment.

For lists of contributors to the guarantee fund and to the gift fund, see Report of the Financial Committee in the Appendix.

As a result of the conservative policy inculcated by the Finance Committee upon the subcommittees in regard to expenditures the subscribers to the guarantee fund were not asked to make any payment to this Fund. The following note was sent to each of them:—

It gives us great pleasure in behalf of our Executive and Financial Committees to express to you our grateful appreciation of your contribution to the guarantee fund of the G. A. R. National Encampment expenses for the recent celebration, and to say to you that through the generous appropriations made by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and by the city of Boston, and the gifts of several of our friends of the G. A. R., and the changing of certain plans which involved large expenditures, we shall not call upon you for any payment on account of the fund.

Congratulating you upon the success of the Encampment, and your helpful co-operation, we are

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS E. MOLE,
Chairman of Executive Committee.
EDWARD H. HASKELL,
Chairman of Finance Committee.

In his final report as chairman of the Finance Committee, Colonel Haskell gives the net receipts from all sources as \$31,879.41, and the net expenses as \$26,533.52. Adding to this amount the sum of \$12,963.31 paid out by the city of Boston, as noted above, brings the total expense of the Encampment to \$39,496.83.

One of the most gratifying features of this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is that, while it has been acknowledged, both by the veterans themselves and by all who participated in its festivities, it was the most successful of the Encampments which have been held in recent years, yet the cost of the Encampment was much less than that of 1890 or 1904, which were also memorable gatherings and great successes, and very much less than the cost of several Encampments which have been held in other cities.

Fixing the Date of the Encampment. — At a special meeting of the Executive Committee at the Hotel Vendome Jan. 4, 1918, there were present Commander-in-Chief W. J. Patterson, Adjutant-General H. H. Bengough, Quartermaster-General Cola D. R. Stowits,

and George Price and Henry L. Beach of the National Council of Administration. It was unanimously voted that the date of the Encampment be fixed for the week of Aug. 19 to 25, 1917; that the National Headquarters be established at the Hotel Vendome; and that the proposed contract between the Executive Committee and the national organization be adopted. A copy of this contract is printed in the Appendix.

Reserving Accommodations. — Next in importance to the Finance Committee was that to which was assigned the laborious task of taking suitable care of the many organizations, and the thousands of visitors from near and from far who wrote in advance for accommodations, and who would expect to find them ready on arrival. Over 2,200 letters were received and answered by the Committee on Accommodations. When the Encampment opened nearly all the hotels in Boston, especially those near the National Headquarters, and over 2,000 boarding houses and private homes were filled with guests for whom reservations had been made. In these no room was assigned to an applicant until it had been thoroughly inspected by some member of the committee and approved as clean and sanitary. While all the members of the committee helped in some measure to carry the heavy burden of work imposed upon it, it scarcely needs saying that the thorough and efficient organization of the committee was due to the chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Gilman, and to the secretary, his son, Wm. L. F. Gilman. Other faithful workers who gave not only days but weeks of service are named in the very full report published in the Appendix.

Boston Decorated for the Boys in Blue. — While Boston dresses itself in its holiday garb on many important occasions, never does it make such a display as when the Grand Army of the Republic takes possession of its streets. "Old Glory," which these men brought back from innumerable battlefields intact and victorious over treason and rebellion, has always been the chief decoration when the old boys passed by. But now, in preparation for the great parade, private houses and public buildings were aflame with, not only the stars and stripes, but with the brilliant flags of the allied nations with which the United States stands shoulder to shoulder in a stupendous conflict for the extermination of a rapacious and conscienceless autocracy. Welcome, however, as these other flags were, "Old Glory" was everywhere supreme, and never was it more honored.

ENCAMPMENT WEEK BEGUN.

The Arriving Hosts. — Several days before Encampment week the veterans, in their Grand Army uniforms, and their friends began to appear on the streets in unusual numbers. But the really great throngs did not come until Sunday and Monday, when the constantly arriving trains brought great crowds from near and from far away. The "Boston Evening Transcript" said: —

South Station poured a transient population into the city until Dewey Square was congested and Summer Street had a solid, slow-moving mass of humanity all the way up to Washington Street. North Station did almost as well, the three railroads coming into those stations having the north and the south and the west to draw from.

At each railroad station there was an information table, supplied and maintained by the Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans and Ladies of the G. A. R., and these tables were swarmed with visitors. First concern with many of the men and women was where to find lodging while in Boston, and they went to the information tables with their inquiries as soon as they arrived at the station. They came in such numbers that hotel accommodations were soon exhausted. Monday morning word was sent to the railroad stations from nearly every hotel in the city requesting the informants to send no more guests, as all the rooms were taken.

From the crowded lobbies of the leading hotels the old soldiers overflowed to the sidewalks, and stood in groups talking over old times, or sat on the steps of neighboring houses writing postal cards announcing their safe arrival to the folks at home. The Vendome, where the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps were established, was probably the busiest place. The hotel lobby, the halls and the Headquarters rooms, National and State, were filled with a crowd that changed constantly, — newcomers registering, men and women, who had not seen one another for one or more Encampments, exchanging greetings, people loaded with badges coming and going, — everybody happy.

The Boy Scouts of America. — Tradition has it that the streets of Boston were originally laid out by the cows when meandering from their sheds in the North End to their pastures on the Common. The most ardent lover of this home of the Pilgrims, while cheerfully admitting that it is not "laid out" as straight as some other cities, contends that this crookedness, so puzzling to strangers and even to long residents when off their beats, is nevertheless one of Boston's Old World charms. Be that as it may, the Executive Committee was unwilling to risk letting the crowds of strangers lose themselves in the city's bewildering maze of streets and complicated transportation system. Several members of the committee who had seen and experienced the efficient and cheerful service of the Boy Scouts of

America at the 1916 Encampment in Kansas City as guides for the visitors confidently turned to them for help. Nor were they disappointed. The services of the Boy Scouts were offered as freely here as there. Everywhere they stood ready to escort visitors to the places they wanted to reach, or to minister to the comfort of the veterans, as they did during the great parade on Tuesday. For none of these services were they allowed by the rules of their organization to accept any compensation beyond the heartfelt gratitude of those who benefited by their good will. (See also report of Accommodation Committee in Appendix, pages 275-286.)

The Opening Service. — The first public exercise of Encampment week was an impressive patriotic service held on Sunday afternoon in the splendid edifice of the New Old South Church, close by the Hotel Vendome. The church was crowded with members of the Grand Army and its allied organizations. The address was delivered by Corporal James Tanner of New York, Past Commander-in-Chief. It was forcible and patriotic from beginning to end, and thoroughly characteristic of the strong personality that inspired it. The speaker's references to the Kaiser and his ultimate fate left no doubt as to the revival of a belief in "the most orthodox hell that was ever preached from a church pulpit." The musical program was rendered by the greatly admired Lotus Quartette of Boston, and included "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and other patriotic selections.

THE WELCOMES AND RECEPTIONS IN MECHANICS HALL.

Previous Doings on Monday. — Monday witnessed a steady inflow of visitors who came mostly from places less remote than those who arrived on Sunday. The Committee on Accommodations was swamped with the task of housing them, but before night all had been given comfortable shelters.

The National Council of Administration met at 1.30 p.m. at the National Headquarters in the Hotel Vendome. Twenty-two members were present, including Commander-in-Chief Patterson, who presided. After hearing the report of the Auditing Committee on the report of the Quartermaster-General, some time was spent in discussing the condition of the southern memorial fund and of devising plans for its increase.

Reception and Semiofficial Meeting on Monday Evening. — This meeting, which embraced not only the Grand Army and its

allied organizations, but also the general public, brought together a vast audience of probably more than 5,000 people. When 8 o'clock arrived, the time for opening the meeting, every seat was filled, and hundreds were standing by the walls. While they were assembling Ben Teel's Orchestra of Boston played a number of patriotic airs which were warmly applauded. In the course of the evening the Lotus Quartette also favored the audience with several highly appreciated selections.

The purpose of the meeting was twofold, — first, to extend welcomes from the State, the city and the Department of Massachusetts to the members of the Grand Army and to the other patriotic organizations; and secondly, to receive from these organizations the greetings usually brought during the sessions of the National Encampment, but which had consumed so much time as seriously to interfere with business, and for which a special evening was now set apart. This meeting, not only in the great attendance, but in its sustained interest, reached the climax of Encampment week.

Address of Welcome by Ex-Governor Bates. — The meeting was presided over by Ex-Governor John L. Bates, chairman of the General Committee. After an invocation offered by Rev. Philip A. Nordell, D.D., Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of Massachusetts, the chairman, on behalf of the Executive Committee, welcomed all the members of the Grand Army and of its allied organizations. After showing how at each previous Encampment the horizon had broadened, and how it was seen more clearly what the Nation owed to the men who had saved the Republic, he continued: —

The horizon was never so broad as it is to-night. In the old days we said they had abolished slavery from the United States. We now see that it meant the abolition of slavery throughout the civilized world. We said in the old days that they had saved America, and we thought it had been saved for us. We find that America was saved because she had a mission, — an unselfish mission that is as large as the world itself. We said in the old days that they had saved to this great Republic the principle of representative government; they had vindicated it and shown that it could maintain itself. We did not know that they had done this for the world. But we see now how the whole world has taken up the same principle, and how all are seeking to make their own liberties safe through it. We said then that it had preserved a constitutional form of government for us. We see now that 1,600,000,000, or fifteen-sixteenths of the world's population, are now lining up in this great hour of humanity's crisis, — lining up for constitutional representative government to make the democracy that these Veterans saved for America safe for all humanity.

Had the war been lost America could never have fulfilled the destiny that she is fulfilling to-night as the champion of human rights. Had it been lost democracy

could never have become what it is, — liberty's guiding principle of the world, and the one for which nearly all the world is ready to fight. It is a broad horizon, and because they have been such factors not only in our national life, but in the life of all the nations as we see them to-day, we are glad to welcome them in this supreme hour of the Nation's existence. And we are glad to have the opportunity of witnessing again the same spirit manifested by them, and of finding that it is manifested by the young men of to-day; that the examples of '61 to '65 are being followed to-day, to the end that the children shall carry on the work that the fathers began.

Other Welcomes. — A cordial welcome to Boston was extended by Mayor James M. Curley, than whom the Grand Army had no more devoted friend. How well the Comrades appreciated this fact was shown by the vigorous applause that greeted almost every sentence of his address.

Department Commander Daniel E. Denny extended to the Woman's Relief Corps, allied bodies, Comrades and friends "a most royal welcome to the Department of Massachusetts." He assured them that the Department not only felt honored by their presence, but glad to acquaint them with some of the many places of historic interest which cluster in and around Boston.

Commander-in-Chief Wm. J. Patterson was then introduced as chairman during the remaining exercises of the evening. On behalf of the National Encampment he expressed gratitude for the welcomes that had been extended by the previous speakers. Two songs by Miss Grace Hamlin of Boston afforded a pleasant interruption.

The Receptions. — The semiofficial receptions began with the greetings from the Association of Army Nurses, conveyed by the National President, Mrs. Alice Cary Ripley of Jefferson City, Mo. It was responded to by Lieut.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, who in an extended address showed how the democracy saved by the men of '61 to '65 was traveling around the world.

At this point Lieutenant Governor Calvin Coolidge, who had been delayed by other engagements, was introduced as representing Governor McCall. On his behalf he extended the cordial welcome of the Commonwealth to the men of the Grand Army for what they "had accomplished in maintaining Massachusetts' ideals, not alone fifty years ago, but nineteen years ago, and yesterday, and to-day and forever."

The greetings of the national organization of the Woman's Relief Corps were brought by its President, Mrs. Ida K. Martin of Minneapolis, Minn. After speaking very feelingly of the devotion of her

organization to the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic, she proved it by presenting a check for \$1,000 to the National Headquarters. To this greeting and generous gift Past Commander-in-Chief Alfred B. Beers of Bridgeport, Conn., responded in terms that fully reciprocated the esteem and devotion of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Virginia C. McClure of Peoria, Ill., National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., voiced the sentiments of that organization toward the men who returned victorious from the Civil War. The aim of these ladies she declared to be to perpetuate to future generations the memory of the heroic virtues and lofty patriotism that saved this country for a great destiny. Assistant Adjutant-General Philip A. Nordell of Boston in responding said that he hoped that the work which the Ladies of the G. A. R. had set themselves to do would redound not merely to the glory of the soldiers of the Civil War, but to the greater glory of the country itself.

Mrs. Myrtie W. Best of Marietta, Ohio, President of the National Alliance of the Daughters of Veterans, brought their love and greetings. After reciting "The Flag that Speaks of Bunker Hill" she presented to the National Headquarters of the Grand Army a beautiful flag bearing on one side the badge of the Grand Army and on the other side the great seal of the United States, and also a casket containing \$250 in gold. For these gifts Past Department Commander J. Payson Bradley responded handsomely, and referred with pride to his privilege as chief marshal on the following day to escort that flag through the streets of Boston, when for the first time it would be borne at the head of the Grand Army.

The Sons of Veterans were represented by William T. Church of Chicago, Ill., their Commander-in-Chief. He brought the greetings of the Sons who were now somewhere in France, and of the boys who are in the great National Army that is coming up from all the States in the Union, and will come back some day from Europe with the same banner unsullied which their fathers brought home in 1865. Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Gilman of Boston, on behalf of the Grand Army, received these greetings with a grateful and appreciative heart. "We realize," he said, "that we are getting old every year, for the reason that now we must ask you, Sons of Veterans, to carry our heavy flags. They were not heavy once, because we were light. They are not light now, because we are heavy."

Mrs. Mae E. Clothier of Rockford, Ill., National President of the

Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, took only a few minutes to extend the loyal, loving greetings of that organization. At the same time she presented to the National Headquarters of the Grand Army \$250, not in gold, but "good old-fashioned greenbacks." Past Commander-in-Chief Charles G. Burton of Portland, Ore., expressed the thanks of the Grand Army for this gift as well as for the eloquent words of greeting.

After singing "America" the exercises of this memorable evening closed at 11.03 P.M. and the audience dispersed.

THE GRAND PARADE, TUESDAY FORENOON.

A Departure from Usual Custom. — With few exceptions the parade at National Encampments had been held on Wednesday. Weighty reasons were presented why this custom should be observed in Boston. The Executive Committee, however, strongly favored Tuesday, the day on which the great parade of 1904 had been held. The matter was fully discussed at the meeting of the Executive Committee with the officers of the national organization, Jan. 4, 1917. The decision was finally left with the Commander-in-Chief, who fixed on Tuesday as the day of the parade.

The Assembling of the Veterans. — Long before 10 A.M., the hour set for the starting of the parade, the members of the forty-four departments of the Grand Army began gathering at their several headquarters preparatory to marching in so many bodies with their Colors to the places assigned them in the line. Veterans from nearly every State in the Union as well as from the territory of Alaska were present. Some States, especially those in the south, where the Grand Army has a small membership, were able to show only a few representatives, — three from Tennessee, four from Florida, five from Georgia and South Carolina and two from Alabama. On the other hand, large delegations were sent by New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and other eastern States. The estimates of the number who marched in the parade varied from 8,000 to 12,000. What appears to have been an actual count placed the total number at 7,647, of whom 6,236 went on foot, the rest riding in automobiles on account of their enfeebled condition. The line formed on Commonwealth Avenue, the right resting on Arlington Street.

The Route. — The line of march was as follows: Arlington Street to Beacon Street; Beacon Street to School Street; School Street to Washington Street; Washington Street to Temple Place; Temple

Place to Tremont Street; Tremont Street to Boylston Street; Boylston Street to Park Square, where the parade was dismissed. Out of consideration for the waning powers of the Comrades it was made short, only about a mile and a half in length, but every step was associated with important chapters in our country's early history, more perhaps than are included in any area of similar size in the Nation's entire domain. It encircled Boston Common, "a veritable Mecca for pilgrims of patriotism the country over," and the Public Garden, "renowned for its beauty, and typical of the Athenian Spirit of the community which maintains the City Beautiful for the uplift of all."

The Roster of the Parade. — The line formed with the escorts and officers of the national organization at the head. Then followed the departments in the order of their seniority, except Massachusetts, which, being the host, was the last in the line instead of filling the seventh place as in parades held elsewhere.

Platoon of Mounted Police.
Band.

Chief Marshal J. PAYSON BRADLEY and mounted national aides.

Escort of 1,300 Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., WM. T. CHURCH, Commander-in-Chief, preceded by a cluster of 100 or more United States flags.
Band.

U. S. Grant Post 327 of Brooklyn, N. Y., personal escort to Commander-in-Chief
CHARLES T. SCHONDELMEIER, commanding.

National Headquarters Flags.

National flag carried by Henry L. Yohn of Philadelphia.

Headquarters Color carried by John Little of Pittsburg.

Commander-in-Chief WM. J. PATTERSON in automobile.

National Officers in Automobiles. — H. H. Bengough, Adjutant-General; Cola D. R. Stowitz, Quartermaster-General; William H. Wormstead, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; E. K. Russ, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; William H. Hanna, Surgeon-General; O. S. Reed, Chaplain-in-Chief; Ralzemond A. Parker, Judge Advocate General; Charles H. Haskins, Inspector General; Uriah Seeley, National Patriotic Instructor; E. B. Stillings, Assistant Adjutant-General; J. Henry Holcomb, Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Executive Committee, Grand Army of the Republic. — George A. Price, Philip G. Woodward, J. W. Willett, Orlando A. Somers, Alvin M. Woolson, John B. Inman, Harry L. Beach.

Past Commanders-in-Chief. — A. G. Weissert, Leo Rassieur, Ell Torrance, Thomas J. Stewart, John R. King, James Tanner, Charles G. Burton, Samuel R. Van Sant, John E. Gilman, Harvey M. Trimble, Alfred D. Beers, Washington Gardner, David J. Palmer, Elias R. Monfort.

National Association of Civil War Musicians.

William M. Hahn, Chief of Staff (mounted).

National Aide-de-Camp (mounted).

B. J. Coll, Senior Aide-de-Camp.
Department of Illinois, C. S. Bentley commanding.
Department of Wisconsin, William S. Wyse commanding.
Department of Pennsylvania, Noah Dietrich commanding.
Department of Ohio, William A. Pittenger commanding.
Department of New York, William P. Kirshner commanding.
Department of Connecticut, Benjamin H. Cheney commanding.
Department of New Jersey, Walter S. Tully commanding.
Department of Maine, John Q. Adams commanding.
Department of California and Nevada, C. H. Haskins commanding.
Department of Rhode Island, Augustine A. Mann commanding.
Department of New Hampshire, Charles W. Hobbs commanding.
Department of Vermont, C. T. S. Pierce commanding.
Department of Potomac, A. H. Frear commanding.
Department of Virginia and North Carolina, Charles H. Haber commanding.
Department of Maryland, E. Walker Giles commanding.
Department of Nebraska, Wilson E. Majors commanding.
Department of Michigan, William O. Lee commanding.
Department of Iowa, J. L. Farrington commanding.
Department of Indiana, Samuel M. Hench commanding.
Department of Colorado and Wyoming, William H. Comstock commanding.
Department of Kansas, A. C. Pierce commanding.
Department of Delaware, James T. Alexander commanding.
Department of Minnesota, Silas H. Towler commanding.
Department of Missouri, Thomas W. Evans commanding.
Department of Oregon, J. G. Chambers commanding.
Department of Kentucky, J. R. Howard commanding.
Department of West Virginia, S. R. Hanen commanding.
Department of South Dakota, J. C. Luce commanding.
Department of Washington and Alaska, John J. See commanding.
Department of Arkansas, O. J. Kyler commanding.
Department of New Mexico, Jefferson Raynolds commanding.
Department of Utah, N. D. Corser commanding.
Department of Tennessee, C. C. Kinley commanding.
Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, E. T. Gipson commanding.
Department of Florida, John A. Wallace commanding.
Department of Montana, Simon Hauswirth commanding.
Department of Texas, M. B. Young commanding.
Department of Idaho, George F. Kimery commanding.
Department of Arizona, Henry H. Farrington commanding.
Department of Georgia and South Carolina, George E. Whitman commanding.
Department of Alabama, E. F. Quinn commanding.
Department of North Dakota, Christian Schmitt commanding.
Department of Oklahoma, J. C. White commanding.
Union of Ex-Prisoners of War, Henry White commanding.
National Association of Naval Veterans, William H. Cumstock commanding.
Continental Drum and Fife Corps.
Department of Massachusetts, Daniel E. Denny commanding.
Disabled veterans in automobiles.

The Department of Massachusetts. — It was to be expected that the Department of Massachusetts, which still numbered nearly 8,000 members, would make a fine appearance in the parade. The greater part lived in the eastern part of the State, and within easy reach of the "Hub." Knowing that there would be little hope, if any, of their ever participating in another national parade in Boston, every one who felt physically able to march resolved to do so, and there were over 2,000 of them in the line, marching in close formation. All wore the single Grand Army badge on his uniform, and nothing more. This simplicity contrasted noticeably with the endless variety of decorations with which the veterans in some other departments had covered themselves. The splendid stand of Colors which had recently been presented to the Headquarters by the Legislature of the Commonwealth was now carried for the first time at the head of the line. Then came Department Commander Daniel E. Denny with the Department officers and aides. They were followed by the Continental Drum Corps of Worcester, seeing whom one could almost fancy that there had been a resurrection of the heroes of 1776. Post 10 of Worcester, mustered 160 Comrades commanded by Genery T. Darling. The long line of posts, beginning with Post 1 of New Bedford, marching in the order of their organization and in three divisions, were broken at varying intervals by numerous bands of music. In several instances three or more small posts consolidated into one group. As a whole, the Department of Massachusetts received continuous applause for its soldierly appearance and fine marching.

The Trooping of the Colors. — One of the most brilliant spectacles in the parade came near the beginning. This was the massing of the Stars and Stripes, borne four abreast, at the head of the 1,300 Sons of Veterans. On Tremont Street the column of flagbearers reached from Temple Place to some distance beyond West Street. From the beginning of the parade to the end this beauty spot in the procession received tremendous ovations.

Starting of the Grand Parade. — Promptly at 10 o'clock, Chief Marshal J. Payson Bradley, having ascertained that all arrangements were complete, gave the signal for the parade to start. Immediately a cannon in the Public Garden repeated the signal to the waiting veterans. From "The Boston Evening Transcript" we glean this description: —

Gingerly the old soldiers fell in line as the roar of cannon announced the start of divisions. They stamped to the beats of the drums, they swung their arms, nodded their heads and were all ready for the "Forward March" order when it came, and they wheeled out of Commonwealth avenue and into Arlington street with vim and "go." Barely had they turned the corner when the tune and the words of "Keep Marching" came from an old veteran, R. D. Doolittle of the Henry H. Johnson Post of Northfield, who threw sunshine around him with his strong voice, cheering the boys on. As department after department passed out from the starting point the singing continued, and it was picked up by the spectators along the line, occasionally to be drowned by vociferous cheering.

The picture was inspiring. Both sidewalks were lined with men, women and children in their best holiday attire. Of course the veterans expected that. They are accustomed to see it wherever they hold their Encampment, but they rarely have prettier scenery to start out from. Houses along Arlington Street were covered with clinging vines, and against this attractive background were groups of attractive young ladies waving flags and banners. Back of the line of spectators on the opposite side of Arlington Street was the row of half-grown deciduous trees in their finest state of foliation, and between them was seen in the distance the verdant beauty for which the Public Garden is noted. Added to this was the deep refreshing shade which the trees cast almost halfway across the broad street, enveloping the entire procession in its cooling folds. Of course the department commanders took advantage of it by keeping their marching columns on that side of the street.

Moreover, there were all the Massachusetts boys, standing at rest in proud contemplation of the commands from all over the United States who now are their guests and whom they would follow at the end of the procession. The host saw here at its best the whole formation of guests, and those warriors of the past saluted their entertaining Comrades.

The Weather.—Though the weather conditions were not ideal, they might have been worse, as those can testify who attended the National Encampment at Saratoga Springs in 1907, when, shortly after the parade started, the rain descended in torrents and flooded the streets in places knee-deep. Though the temperature did not rise much above 80°, the heat was aggravated by a sickening humidity. Only for a few minutes was the heat tempered by an occasional cloud. Some of the veterans, caring less for military discipline than comfort, peeled off their coats. It was remarkable how well they stood the combined strain of the heat, the march and their heavy woolen uniforms. Only here and there one of them tottered and had to be helped out of the ranks. Many more might have succumbed but for the fresh water served by Boy Scouts all along the line. Providential preparation for a hot time was made by John A. Dix Post 135 of New York City, all of whom wore cool white helmets, and by the Rhode Islanders who appeared in white duck trousers.

The Enthusiastic Crowds.—Long before the parade started the streets through which it was to pass filled up with throngs eager to see the survivors of the great armies of '61 to '65 come marching by. Every elevation that lifted the spectator a little above the multitude, whether it was a doorstep, fence or tree, was seized and tenaciously occupied. We quote again from the "Transcript":—

It seemed as if such a crowd had never gathered before to witness a parade in Boston, and Boston has seen some good-sized parade crowds this year, more, perhaps, than others. It is probable that in one way or another not fewer than a million souls saw the veterans of the Grand Army in their last march through Boston's streets. This estimate may be large, but that's the way it looked. If there was a "thin line" in the streets — and it wasn't so very thin, after all — the sidewalks were densely crowded, — packed right to the ropes.

This was the aspect in the street. Above, every window held its throng of spectators, and still above, every roof yielded a "gallery." Then, at cross streets, automobile trucks were filled with enthusiasts on settees, fire-escapes did not escape this time, and many adventurous youths got above the crowd by the use of lofty step-ladders, while in Bromfield Street a contractor's derrick served a similar purpose.

It appeared that the whole city — the people — had come out to welcome and honor the veterans; and the old soldiers, according to their ability or temperament, responded to the cheers, applause or other greetings that fell upon them continuously.

The Russian Commission which happened to be in Boston the same day as the Grand Army parade was received by the city with exceptional honors. At first it was proposed that they should parade with the Grand Army, but the inexorable rules of the order would not allow any participants but veterans of the Civil War. It was finally arranged to the satisfaction of all that the Russian visitors should parade by themselves over the line of march fifteen minutes in advance of the Grand Army. On this "The Transcript" remarked:—

It was also a sensitive crowd. First to pass in review before it was the Russian commission, which it did not exactly expect and did not recognize. As soon as this commission appeared its identity came under discussion, and by the time this was settled it was too late to cheer. There was some cheering, but not that wholehearted cheering that the commission from a great allied nation might have expected, simply because the crowd knew not just what to do. Its discriminating discernment was even more marked twenty-five minutes later when the head of the Grand Army procession came. Due applause was given when the fine line of mounted police advanced slowly over the route, but this subsided almost to silence when the Sons of Veterans appeared, with only one or two flags and little music. Then came the Headquarters flags stirring the crowd everywhere to thunderous applause, but it was evident that the real hearty outburst of the day was held in reserve for the old veterans for whom the people were constantly looking while greeting the preliminary

features. Finally the Veterans came. They tore the crowd with them. They did not all march well. Some of them tripped like children. Many of them were bent over. Their military manliness in which they had won battles had yielded to the infirmities of age, but there was that grand blue uniform that the nation respects and admires, and there were the men, still cheerful, still marching on. They gave the crowd a thrill, and they sustained it throughout the long rank until the Massachusetts men came and brought applause to a climax.

"The Boston Post," however, saw no climax to the enthusiasm of the cheering crowd:—

In most parades some portion or portions receive the climax of the ovation; after that the demonstration becomes intermittent here and there. Yesterday it was one wild, continuous ovation from start to finish, not the spontaneous emotional mob type of demonstration, but a demonstration truly from the heart. There was love in that demonstration, there was reverence.

School Street was solid black with folk,—wild cheering folk. The mass on the City Hall grand stand made the crowd appear the larger.

Through the human, cheering lanes, under canopies of countless flags of the allied nations, marched the fading army. The din continued as the Veterans swung into Washington Street. Away up near Temple Place pandemonium reigned as the 150 massed department flags of the advance Sons of Veterans marched by.

At the Reviewing Stands.—Three reviewing stands had been erected,—one in front of the State House, one in front of the City Hall, and a grand stand seating 4,000 persons on the Tremont Street mall of the Common.

No sooner had the parade started than word sent to Governor McCall at the State House brought him, Lieutenant Governor Coolidge, members of the Governor's staff, Gen. Charles H. Cole, Adjutant-General Stevens, Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles, Major-General Clarence R. Edwards, commander of the Department of the North East, members of the Executive Council, and numerous political and military dignitaries down the steps of the State House to the reviewing stand, where they greeted the passing veterans and were saluted by them in return.

At the City Hall stand the procession was reviewed by his honor the mayor, by city officials, and by a large number of invited guests. The thirty bagpipers who acted as escort for the Russians kept things lively, providing the step for many of the units passing City Hall.

The grand stand was filled with members of the Woman's Relief Corps and other allied organizations, with the wives, sisters and

friends of the veterans, and by a thin sprinkling of veterans who had not ventured to join the parade. In view of the fact that the city had erected this grand stand at its own expense, a considerable section had been reserved for city officials and their friends. At this point the parade was reviewed by Commander-in-Chief Patterson, who had left the procession when it reached Tremont Street. With him on the reviewing stand were the Russian ambassadors. With profound interest they watched a parade such as their eyes had never rested on in the Old World, and listened to such demonstrations of veneration and love as no dazzling display of imperial autocrats could evoke. The crowds of people who filled Tremont Street and the big stand will never forget the tremendous impression produced by the tribute paid to these old men who when the years as yet sat lightly upon them had taken their lives in their hands and gone out to save the country and the flag for their splendid destiny.

The Music. — There was, for the most part, an abundance of bands. In addition to the music imported from outside the State it seemed as if every brass band and drum corps in Boston and its vicinity had been engaged for the occasion. The Department of Massachusetts was especially well provided, in contrast with some sections of the parade where sometimes long intervals occurred. The department of Michigan brought along its own fine corps of drummers and fifers. In some cases the parade kept step to the music of a single fife and one or two drums. The selections played were for the most part the old war songs of '61 to '65, which seem to possess an undying interest. Sometimes the contrast between the airs played by two near-by bands was startling, to say the least, as when one rendered a stately march, like "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and the other a rollicking melody, such as "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." The brilliant uniforms of some of the bands made a pleasing variation in the long blue line of the veterans. The band of Aleppo Temple, Mystic Shriners, for example, dressed in their full oriental regalia, attracted particular notice, as also did the Zouave band in its flaming scarlet and green.

A feature not on the program was the vocal music furnished by the men in the ranks and by choruses among the spectators. The former sang "Marching through Georgia" and "John Brown's Body" quite as lustily as they used to sing them fifty years ago. The latter were particularly in evidence in Temple Place, where "above the cheering of the sidewalk and office window throngs the girl employees of

Houston Magrane Company, perched high up on the fire-escape, vied with the Wethern girl employees, across the street, in a patriotic song contest. The singing made a great hit among the veterans. John McBride, eighty years old, of the Ohio delegation, did a clog dance right in the ranks, just to show the girls that he was there."

On the whole, it was a joyous procession, sounding forth no note of sadness such as might have been expected from the vanishing remnant of a mighty host conscious of the fact that its work was done, and that all this applause was but the purple and gold of a glorious sunset.

The Medical Service. — To assemble for a great parade 8,000 or 10,000 men who averaged above seventy-five years, and whose grit often exceeded their strength, involved possible dangers the extent of which no one could foretell. Some felt quite sure that a large number of them would collapse before the goal was reached, and that the city hospitals would be crowded with victims. All were agreed, however, that if the parade took place, provision should be made against every conceivable condition.

Happily, the chairman of the Committee on Medical Aid, not being a medical man himself, was able to secure the hearty co-operation of Dr. John Dixwell, member of the Kearsarge Veterans Association, in planning a comprehensive scheme of medical service. An ample staff of volunteer physicians, surgeons and nurses was provided. Every available ambulance in the city was pressed into the service. Two hospital tents and two tents for public comfort were erected on the Common. A large body of Boy Scouts supplied an abundance of fresh drinking water. One veteran was thankful for the fact that if the water was not always cold, it was at least wet. These boys in their drab uniforms were a big feature in the day's demonstration. At almost every cross street a large automobile was stationed, with a sign stating that it was there for the express purpose of rendering ambulance service at a moment's notice.

The two hospital tents were crowded until long after the parade was over. Contrary to all expectations the Grand Army men stood the strain far better than the spectators. Of the nearly 200 treated, only 10 were veterans, the rest being mostly women and children who were prostrated by the heat and the pressure of the crowds. Several Boy Scouts collapsed, having undertaken the day's work on empty stomachs. Too much cannot be said in praise of the efficiency of this service. On all sides commendation was heard for the splendid

work of the volunteer physicians and nurses. It continued through the entire week, including the excursion to Nantasket Beach.

(For full details see Report of Committee on Medical Aid and Public Comfort in Appendix.)

Features and Incidents. — To record all the picturesque features and pathetic incidents of the parade would have required a host of reporters stationed every few feet along the whole line. Only a few of the more striking can be mentioned here.

There, for instance, was the huge flag carried like a life net by the Minnesota delegation. Just for fun some one threw a silver coin into it. The suggestion was instantly caught up by the crowd. Showers of silver fell into its capacious folds until the center began sagging to the ground. To prevent this the heavy contents were deftly divided into four parts, each carried in a separate depression. "Going to have a blowout with the funds," chuckled one of the bearers as he trudged along. He was probably disgusted, however, when he learned that the Assistant Adjutant-General placed the entire amount, \$178.83, in the general fund of the Minnesota Department.

One woman with an American flag thrown over her shoulders, and unmindful of the rule which excluded all but veterans from the parade, marched with her husband over the entire route.

E. E. Timmons of Philadelphia, with his old faded blue cap and faded blue coat, carrying an old gray army blanket and a rusty haversack — the same outfit that was his at the battle of Gettysburg — gave the spectators a vivid idea of how the boys looked in '61 to '65, and they cheered him to the echo.

What was perhaps the most dramatic incident of the march occurred as the line was approaching the Shaw monument opposite the Governor's reviewing stand. As told in "The Globe" it bears repeating: —

There was one veteran who did not see the Governor or any of his dignitaries on the gala reviewing stand in front of the State House. He saw only something opposite the State House which meant more to him than the whole Encampment. Comrades tried to keep him in line as they sharpened their steps at the crest of the hill and turned their faces toward the Governor. But they could not. He stopped short in his tracks.

"Thar's my regiment," he cried, and his right hand came up to his hat brim. He saluted Col. Robert Gould Shaw, and friendly volunteers led him out of the ranks. He wanted to salute his Comrades in bronze, and they led him to the base of the Shaw monument, where he came to attention again, gazing at the tablet until they brought him a chair. There he sat. The parade was over so far as he was concerned. He was a colored veteran, "M. Jameson of Syracuse, N. Y., of Co. H, of the 54th Massachusetts, Captain Russell in command, Sir!"

"The Traveler" records another pathetic incident:—

In the very front of the crowd stood a woman, a motherly figure, with gray hair, and she would have looked better in a house dress with a big apron.

She scanned the faces of the old soldiers eagerly as they passed, and when State after State had gone by a frown of anxiety began to deepen on her face. And then, toward the last, there came marching a little, old man.

His hair was white beneath the Union cap. He was tired. Every few steps he faltered a little, but straightened when he heard the cheers and the band playing:—

So we sang the chorus from Atlanta to the sea,
While we were marching through Georgia.

And then the woman left her place in the line.

"Father," she sobbed. "Oh, father, dear!"

The old man looked at her and his lips trembled. Tenderly she drew his head down on to her shoulder and wiped his face with her handkerchief, and they marched along together with her arm about him.

That is the story of the last national G. A. R. parade in Boston. How could it be told so easily as in a woman's sob and a tired, white head on somebody's shoulder? They went by bravely, the boys of '61. They tried to march as they once had done, and if they could not do it, if they made crooked, odd-shaped figures in blue, and if we smiled, it was only with our lips, for our souls were torn with tears.

Breaking Ranks. — The following extract is taken from "The Transcript":—

Just a little tired, maybe, but well pleased with their reception along the entire line of parade, the veterans broke ranks in Park Square, with few of the starters missing at the finish. Perhaps a dozen or so tottered as they drew into the square or approached the end of the line, and were assisted out of the ranks into the waiting ambulances or autos assembled for just that purpose. Some of the others looked as if they were about at the end of their physical resources for marching, but with the supporting arm of a Comrade they ambled along, determined to stick it out to the end. Taking the veterans as a body, however, they arrived at the finish of the route with heads erect, a surprising firmness of step and the disposition to tackle the next thing on the program for the G. A. R. entertainment.

When the first of the veterans arrived in Park Square at 11.35 they received a royal welcome. As one squad went marching along the band ahead struck up "Tipperary," and it was surprising to see how the marchers spruced up, some of them beginning to sing the words and others to beat time or even to do a little dance step over the cobblestones, to show that it not only is a "long way to Tipperary," but also to decrepit old age. The desire to show sprightliness and vigor after the march probably is the reason why the Boy Scouts near the head of the square found so few of the veterans who wanted a drink of water, whereas a large number of them were pleased enough to be thus refreshed when they broke ranks farther down the street.

After dropping out of line, quite a number wandered back through the square, offering encouragement to those still marching, such as: "You're almost through," "just a few steps more," and the like. One old veteran took high umbrage because a policeman, noticing his wobbly condition, wanted him to step out of the line and sit down. Not he; he was going to be at the finish. Some walked back along the route to look for friends from other sections, perhaps to wander off with arms on each other's shoulders like a pair of youthful chums. One or two of the companies before breaking ranks got together in the middle of the street for a "Hip, hip, hooray!" to prove that their spirits were high.

One Connecticut veteran who seemed as fresh as a daisy at the end of the route marveled that a fairly young woman should have been able to go the distance with her father, or grandfather; not so much because of the distance traversed as that she could have made it over the cobblestones while wearing such high-heeled shoes. Another Connecticut "vet" announced to a policeman, who had inquired how he felt, that he could still "run or fight like a twenty-two-year-old." He thought it a shame they would not take him for the war in Europe.

"Hope I see you at another reunion," was the typical salute of veterans as they broke ranks at the lower end of Park Square.

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The Grand Army.

It was an inspiration of patriotism, the passage yesterday through the streets of Boston of the veterans of the army of the Union in the great historic conflict of two generations ago.

So it was regarded by our people. These men stand as the living representatives of the ideal of American principles. They fought for the maintenance of a government of the people, by the people, for the people; and that for which they fought has been saved intact to us of a later breed.

It is to them and to their associates, progenitors of the Americans of to-day, that we owe the standing of our republic as a world power, solidified and authoritative, instead of a loosely aggregated association of sectional populations. We are to-day in reality a United States.

These men helped to make us such, and they live to see what a great work they have done. It is a privilege to them to look upon their work; it is a reverential spirit in which we welcome them to regard it. In the time of greatest stress to which our Union was ever subjected these men came to its support.

It was not for delight in a spectacular display that our people crowded the route and cheered the passage of these veterans yesterday; it was an expression of the sentiment of loyal nationality for which these Grand Army survivors stand. They set the example of patriotism. — *The Post.*

The Grand Army Parade.

Like a gallant force passing out of the troubled present and into their revered place in the history of the nation, the Grand Army, savior of the Republic, marched this morning for the last time through the streets of Boston.

Once again the men in blue, weaker numerically than they were when they came

here before, just a little older and a little less steady physically, but with a spirit as stout as that which carried them through the trying days of the '60's, trudged doggedly over the route, reminding a generation which is also face to face with war of the stuff that saved the Union.

To-day's parade was as different from the smart military parades which have come so frequently in Boston as black is from white.

It was only an army of old men, bent of body and unsteady of limb, men whose grit and pride and spiritual force rather than their physical strength made marching possible that received the homage of the thousands which lined the sidewalks from the corner of Arlington Street and Commonwealth Avenue and all along the route ending in Park Square.

The route was much shorter than usual, because of the feeble condition of those who had contracted to march over it.

For the first time in its history the veterans paraded between buildings aflame not only with red, white and blue, in the American combinations, but with the colors of many foreign countries, nations with which the United States, a country redeemed by the Grand Army, is pooling its fighting forces of to-day in a powerful thrust at autocracy. — *The Globe*.

The G. A. R. Parade.

To-day Boston saw her veterans again and hailed them as the heroes they are. Boston's habitual reserve, traditional coolness, if she has any such, was shattered in enthusiasm which swept dense throngs that packed streets and windows, roofs even. They cheered till they could cheer no longer; they shouted their love and approval for States, Posts, individuals; and then they cheered all over again. The city has been sated with parades, but never has it seen one that went to its heart as well as its head, as this has. In its outbursts of enthusiasm, its continuous uproar of approval, were voiced many sentiments. Love for the veterans was first,—for the grand men, now old in years, whom they have known and reverenced for half a century. But there was more than that to rouse them. Wonder and approval of the courage and hardihood evinced as for hours the serried ranks moved onward through the streets, unfaltering in their march, were a moving sentiment in the throngs. Most of all were the cheers for that untamable, unconquerable spirit that moved with the marching hosts as moved that pillar of fire before Israel of old. It panoplied them as with flame. It burned deep into the souls of the watching throngs, and sent their voices rolling in thunderous approval down the long lanes of heroes as they went on. The touch of it brought tears as well as cheers. Never has Boston seen the like of this parade. Never again will it see it. But the remembrance will last as long as approval of courage, of patriotism and devotion to great ideals shall remain.

As State after State went by, thirty or more, from Illinois in the van to Massachusetts as rear guard, Boston set the seal of her enthusiastic approval on each organization. . . . But the times when the welkin rang were when some veteran, strong in spirit still, hobbled proudly along with a cane, or, as some did, with two canes. It was these men, their bodies bowed and their knees bent, perhaps, but their heads erect and their souls flaming with unconquerable fire, that sent the crowd wild and sent voices and hats aloft in inexpressible enthusiasm. Once more these men were advancing upon the enemy just as some of them went up Malvern Hill, swept

on through the Wilderness, met Pickett's men at Gettysburg, or showed their courage and stamina on a hundred other hard-fought fields. Advancing years and failing strength, the heat and the long trail, these were the enemies they were meeting to-day with all their courage, and the crowds knew it. — *The Transcript.*

Lesson in Patriotism.

The spirit of the greatest of all American armies, that two million and a half blue host of over half a century ago, which flung back the rebel horde at Antietam, the Wilderness and Gettysburg, thus preserving the Union for all time, marched through the streets of Boston yesterday morning, when 10,000 last surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic held their fifty-first annual, and possibly their last, parade.

Thousands upon thousands of people, massing the sidewalks, dotting countless store and office building windows, fringing the roof tops along the line of march, went wild at the inspiring sight, — went back fifty years to those stirring days of the Civil War, — and shouted themselves hoarse in what was probably the greatest public demonstration ever given to a visiting host.

In the wrinkled faces of that fading army the people of the city learned more patriotism than a million orators could ever hope to teach.

Though, to be sure, the thousands saw this infirm host of slow tread at the crest of life's hill, almost ready to vanish down the other side, they could also, through that mysterious power of imagination, see the dashing boys of '61 in the broken ranks. — *The Post.*

Muster at Sunset.

There was a new solemnity about the parade of the veterans yesterday. Year after year in peace times we have watched their blue-coated columns file past with silent gratitude for what they did, and silent thankfulness that the country was not at war.

But yesterday the parade had a different note. These veterans spoke not only of the Nation's past, but of its future. They marched through stifling streets on one of the summer's most exhausting days, upborne less by their physical strength than by their wills, and to express the faith that was in them.

The visible army was thin of ranks. It marched little more than two hours. But with it, in the imaginations of the spectators and in the memories of the veterans, marched the greater, the invisible army, — all the lads who sleep in unmarked graves in the red clay of Virginia and under the cypresses of Mississippi; the Comrades who shared other such reunions as this, but share them no longer; the great figures of that elder time, — Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Lincoln, — and, at the head of their column, unseen but triumphant, strode a winged victory.

The watchers as they passed could not help thinking of the terrible cost of the victory they won, a cost which faces us now once more; of the empty chairs and the empty hearts, the desolated hearths, and the lives which were never lived to maturity.

No wonder these veterans roused a welcome such as even the boys in olive drab failed to evoke. No wonder so many were in tears as they passed. The sight of them twangs many an old chord of memory; many a thought of faded blue uniforms which hang in dark closets of remote farmhouses. Over these men broods that sanc-

tity which invests any man or body of men who have made a supreme sacrifice for a great cause. They invoke a great tradition. To them we owe it that our Nation is not many, but one; that an unbelieving world was shown that a self-governing Union of States could succeed.

Youth has its beauty; but more beautiful still is the old age of men who have seen a great light and forsaken all to follow it. The beams of that light do not fade; and, as they shine from these old eyes after the lapse of half a century, they deepen with the glory of sunset. — *The Globe*.

THE CAMP FIRE, TUESDAY NIGHT.

The Camp Fire in Faneuil Hall. — Several hundred of the Comrades who had participated in the great parade were not too tired to attend the camp fire scheduled for 7.30 P.M. in the old Cradle of Liberty. Most of them, doubtless, were visitors to whom attending a meeting in this historic spot was the opportunity of a lifetime. As the camp fire was open to the public, enough responded to fill the hall. Those who were not present missed what turned out to be one of the most stirring and enthusiastic meetings of Encampment week.

Seventy or eighty years is a big burden for most men, but it could not suppress the spirit of youth in the old heroes, whose cheering and handclapping fairly rocked the old Cradle of Liberty. They were out, not to bemoan their infirmities, but to have a good time, and they had it. The speaking, the singing by the veterans, and the selections rendered by the Lotus Glee Club were received with all the enthusiasm of youth.

Governor McCall's Address. — Past Department Commander John M. Woods was introduced by Gen. Thomas R. Mathews as chairman of the evening. He received three cheers, spoke a few words of greeting, and then introduced the Governor at whose appearance the audience went wild with applause. From "The Boston Post" we clip partial reports of this address and of those that followed it: —

When the applause had subsided the Governor greeted them on behalf of the Commonwealth, and told them just what their coming at this particular time meant to the Bay State and to the city of Boston. Said the Governor: "As I watched your thinned ranks march proudly by this morning the thought stole over me that any man should be really pitied who could watch you without getting a lump in his throat and a tear in his eye. Not a tear of sorrow, but a tear of gratitude for being able to see you, the saviors of our Nation."

"War," he continued, "is the result of the actions and desires of the older men of our Nations, but it is the youth, the boys of our country, who must bear the brunt of it all. It is the boys who must shed the blood and sacrifice their lives. And we

shall consider this war the most wicked in all the history of the world unless it results in a permanent peace whereby the lives of our youth will no longer be sacrificed, and their blood be shed no more."

The Governor closed with a thrust at the oppressors of the negroes that brought the old veterans to their feet, as he said: "You gave your blood, your lives, your all, that the Nation might be saved and that four millions of colored men and women might be free and have equal rights with us. And now, I know that you do not look with favor on the terrible riots against our negro brothers in East St. Louis, where misguided whites have attempted to undo the very things for which you gave all you had in '61." And to a man the answer was "no."

Cheers for Corporal Tanner.

Then came the best-loved man in the G. A. R., Corp. James Tanner, fighter, worker and good fellow, one of the most popular men in the organization from coast to coast. He, too, must have felt the clutches of Father Time upon the grand old men assembled there, for he said: "Many years have gone by since I stood on this sacred platform. But in spite of the thinning of our ranks and the sobs of our friends I think I do not see any signs of decay before me." But it was said with an air of sadness, despite the attempted return to youthful spirit and enthusiasm.

"I told the Russian ambassador this afternoon," said Corporal Tanner, "that if it were possible I know that fully 95 per cent. of you men would be over in the trenches fighting for freedom of the world to-day.

"This great world war," he continued, "is not a war of the European countries; it is our war. It is our cause. It is the cause of liberty, democracy and justice against wrong and might. And before we can free the world and have a lasting peace it will be necessary for us to crush the serpent, crush that human hyena called the Kaiser, and crush all his gang with him. The world will never be safe again until he feels his throne tottering and sees his monarchy torn from his grasp, and all his rotten militarism and hypocrisy swept from the earth. Then we can have peace, and not before. And to do it we must stand ready to sacrifice every young man in our land."

And with a voice that shook with age and rang with a spirit of youth, he shouted, "I thank God that we have already put our hand into it. I want the United States in the years to come to sit at the very head of the council table of the world, when the policies of the world are dictated. To do that we cannot sit idly back now, but must plunge our sword to the very hilt and sway the tide of battle as only real Americans can do."

Mayor Curley's Address.

At this point Mayor Curley and the Russian ambassador arrived, and as they came down the aisle the old building rocked with cheers for the representative of the new republic.

"I have but a brief message to you," said the Mayor. "I want to tell you how grateful we are to have you with us at this time. It is especially wonderful that you should come when we are preparing for what will be probably our greatest war. And I want to say that the duty of the hour is to stand together as one man until Prussian militarism is so crushed that it can never rise again."

Address of Boris A. Bakhmetieff.

Then followed the greatest demonstration of the evening as the ambassador arose to speak. He delivered his message with the voice and manner of a man who does things, of a man who is ready to do as did the boys in '61.

"The great spirit of self-sacrifice," he declared, "and the great and noble deeds of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and the heroes who fought and died on the battlefield of the Civil War have been among the inspirations that have at last brought about Free Russia."

The "old boys" fairly lifted the roof when he cried out: "I only wish that the boys of '17 will have the same spirit that inspired the boys of '61, who went forth and fought, bled and died for the very same thing that the New Russia is now bleeding and striving for."

Past Advocate-General Thomas S. Hopkins of Washington and Commander-in-Chief Patterson then spoke, more songs were sung, more cheers were shouted and with the singing of "America" probably the last camp fire of the "Old Boys" in the city of Boston and the Cradle of Liberty came to an end.

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Wednesday Morning Session.—Symphony Hall, the splendid home of the Symphony Orchestra, was chosen a second time for holding an Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1904 it had welcomed the representatives of a magnificent organization not far as yet beyond the zenith of its membership. Many who were present then had been mustered out, or, if still living, had reached the stage where "the grasshopper shall be a burden," and the desire to travel shall fail. Nevertheless, there were those present who recalled the sessions presided over by Gen. John C. Black, the fire and eloquence of his address, the animated discussions, and the election of our own Gen. Wilmon W. Blackmar to the high office of Commander-in-Chief. Now, as then, the hall was profusely draped with American flags, the most fitting decoration for a convention of heroic men whose sacrifices had made it a world-wide emblem of liberty and democracy.

Promptly at 10 o'clock A.M. the Fifty-first National Encampment was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Wm. C. Patterson. Of the 1,431 accredited representatives, 768 were reported present in Boston, not all present, however, at the opening of the Encampment. That the hall, seating 2,000, was much too large for the assembly became evident when those in the rear began calling "louder," and one Comrade declared emphatically that "we want to hear, and we don't want any whispering speakers on the stage." The matter was

finally adjusted by allowing those in the rear to fill up the vacant seats in front not occupied by delegations to whom they had been assigned.

As usual, the greater part of the first session was consumed in the reading of the Commander-in-Chief's address, which is printed in full in the Journal of the Fifty-first Encampment. Among matters of general interest attention was called to the steady decrease in the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic from the high-water mark of 409,489 in 1890, to 135,931 at the close of 1916.

Several presentations made pleasant interruptions to the routine work. These included at the very beginning of the session two gavels turned over to the Commander-in-Chief by Department Commander Daniel E. Denny. One of these, made of wood from the frigate "Constitution," — "Old Ironsides" as she was called in the days before the real iron-sides appeared, — was a gift from the Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans, and was designed to be treasured as a souvenir; the other, made of black oak, from the historic town of Concord, was designed to aid the presiding officer to pound order into the most refractory audiences. A second presentation, also to the Commander-in-Chief, made by the Chief of Staff, Wm. M. Hahn of Ohio, came from the aids on the national staff, and consisted of a magnificent Grand Army badge made of gold and set with diamonds. The third presentation, to Past Commander-in-Chief Elias R. Montfort, was a testimonial of the esteem, confidence and approval of himself and his services by his Comrades in the Grand Army of the Republic.

After adjournment at 12.20 P.M. a substantial and remarkably good luncheon was served in the same building by the Headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps, free of charge to all the members of the Encampment. This generous provision for the comfort of the veterans was another proof of that goodwill and helpfulness of this splendid Auxiliary which had been revealed on innumerable occasions in the past.

Wednesday Afternoon Session. — The first matter that came before the convention was a greeting to be sent to the soldiers of the new republic of Russia through Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Russian consul in Boston, who had been escorted to the platform. The resolution which was adopted with great cheering and enthusiasm read as follows: —

BOSTON, MASS., U. S. A., Aug. 22, 1917.

The Grand Army of the Republic, United States of America, in National Encampment assembled, sends greetings to the soldiers of Russia. As it was ours a half century ago to wage a successful war for the preservation of the American Union, the freedom of a race, and the perpetuity of republican form of government, so may it be yours, heroic sons of a mighty people, by your united, devoted and sustained efforts, to establish on an enduring foundation in your great country "government of the people, by the people, and for the people," and to this end we send our prayers to heaven and our sons to the aid of the allied armies in Europe on the battlefield.

The Russian consul on receiving it replied in an eloquent address, and promised that it would at once "be cabled to Kerensky, and within twenty-four hours along the line of trenches from the Baltic Sea, from Riga, along the entire line to Odessa on the Black Sea, the word will be telegraphed to every soldier in the Russian Army that their Comrades in America sympathize with them." On September 14 Commander-in-Chief Somers received, through the Russian embassy in Washington, the following reply from the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Army: —

Please transmit to the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic the deep gratitude of the Russian Army. The unity of spirit and of the forces of the allied Nations fighting in Europe is the pledge to the triumph of the great aims to the fulfillment of which they are striving.

An important amendment was made to the Constitution of the Grand Army of the Republic in increasing the representation of local Posts in the Department Encampments. The amendment gives to the Senior and Junior Commander of each Post the privilege, *ex officio*, to a seat in the Encampment, which privilege had been enjoyed by the Post Commander alone.

The question as to where to hold the next National Convention occupied much time, and brought out two invitations, one from Atlantic City, N. J., and one from Portland, Ore. The remarkably close vote of 326 for Atlantic City and 327 for Portland was, in true democratic spirit, made unanimous.

The Encampment adjourned at 4.12 o'clock to convene again the next morning at 9.30.

Thursday Morning Session. — A large number of resolutions, good, bad and indifferent, had been submitted to the Committee on Resolutions, and much time was taken in reporting upon them.

One of these voiced the feeling of the Encampment toward the people of Boston and of the Commonwealth who had made it possible by their unstinted contributions of financial aid and personal service to make this Encampment a magnificent success. Not only as a remarkable expression of appreciation and gratitude, but as a matter of interest to all who assisted in achieving this gratifying result, the resolution merits reprinting here. It was read by Comrade J. A. Watrons of Wisconsin, who at the request of the committee had written it.

People of Boston, the only Boston in all the world, not alone the Boston of Massachusetts and New England, but the Boston of the entire Nation: The Grand Army of the Republic, through its representatives here assembled in the Fifty-first National Encampment, would give you evidence of our keen appreciation of and our deep gratitude for all that you have done for the honor and glory of our beloved order, upon this our fourth visit to your city for National Encampment activities and pleasures.

We cannot say it with too much emphasis that our hearts prompt us to tell you that it would have embarrassed us if you had planned more and done more for our entertainment than you have.

Your welcome, your smile of approval, your handclasp, your hospitality, your manifestation of patriotism and undivided love for and devotion to the Republic that is dearer to us than our lives, all of these and more, are so firmly impressed upon the plates of memory that they will be a valued possession and an inspiration to the end of our days.

Our hearts were touched and emotions stirred at what we saw and heard during the parade on Tuesday, when hundreds of thousands of men, women and children looked on and applauded as we made our farewell march in New England. While we were gratified for the cheers, waving handkerchiefs, and clapping hands, the honors paid the Stars and Stripes, the national emblem, Old Glory, pleased us best of all. Every Boy Scout, all of the policemen on duty, thousands of little children, and many others stood at attention and saluted as each flag passed by, giving us the welcome knowledge that the people of Boston have not neglected that education in patriotism, that sincere love of country essential in citizens worthy of a home in the most favored Nation in all the world.

We cannot tell you, people of Boston, how pleasing to us is your reverence for the emblem of the Nation, the most beautiful flag ever created, the one we risked much in upholding, the one under which and for which and the country nearly half a million of our Comrades gave their lives, the flag that means more to the world than that of any other Nation; the flag and the country that in the present world war are looked to by all people in all countries who hunger for the freedom and liberty that George Washington and his men gave us, and which Abraham Lincoln and his men preserved for us, to lend them a helping hand, the helping hand that this Yankee Nation is rapidly preparing to extend, and will extend and keep on extending until autocracies are no more and democracies abound.

We thank Boston for the large part it is playing in restoring to the land we love the wholesome spirit of '76. We thank her, the Cradle of Liberty, the home of Bunker

Hill, of Paul Revere, the Adamses, Webster, Wendell Phillips, Garrison, Governor Andrew and Charles Sumner for patriotic and fearless leadership in so many wise and needful directions.

We would give the thanks that our hearts feel and our lips speak to Mayor Curley for that superb and patriotic address of welcome; the local committee of arrangements; the Sons of Veterans; to the Boy Scouts, that army of boys which is on the way to a high type of manhood and the right kind of American citizens; to all of the men and women who have had a part in making our stay one of real pleasure and great profit; to the noble women of our never-failing Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, for two banquet feasts at the noon hour; to the police force that has tirelessly shielded us from danger and harm, and for their soldierly salutes to the Colors as they passed in our historic parade; to the city and State governments for their interest and efforts.

And Boston, historic Boston, you rejoice the Grand Army of the Republic, that stood by the Nation in the long age, by the brave and patriotic way in which you are standing by the government and backing the President in the present war, that means so much to our country and all mankind, and by the emphatic way in which you frown upon and condemn pacifism and all signs of disloyalty to the best government the world has ever known.

Boston, good-by, and God bless you.

The resolution was received with great applause, and adopted with a unanimous standing vote.

The last resolution presented by the committee pledged the unwavering loyalty of the Grand Army of the Republic to the government of the United States. It reads as follows:—

Whereas, Our country, contrary to its own choice and by the aggressions of a military autocracy intent upon world domination, has been drawn into the great struggle now going on across the sea:

Therefore we, as representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, in National Encampment assembled, pledge our hearty and unfaltering support of measures taken by the government of the United States for the vigorous prosecution of the war, until we have the assurance of an enduring peace through the crushing or voluntary abandonment of that military autocracy which has been so long a menace to the happiness and freedom of mankind.

A committee appointed to consider a recommendation in the Commander-in-Chief's address relative to certain amendments to the Rules and Regulations reported in favor. These amendments discontinued the semiannual report due July 1, and made the next report, due January 1, an annual report covering the entire previous year instead of six months. The per capita tax for the entire year is henceforth to be assessed on the number of members in good standing in each Post December 31. This tax was divided into two

equal portions made payable January 1 and July 1. The object of these amendments was to lessen and simplify the work of Post officers, many of whom are now reaching an age when the keeping of records and accounts has become a formidable task.

The important business of electing officers for the ensuing year came next in order. There being only one candidate for the high office of Commander-in-Chief, the wearisome routine of calling the roll of the departments was dispensed with, and Comrade Orlando A. Somers of Indiana was elected by a single ballot cast by the Adjutant-General. Other officers were elected or appointed in due form, and at 1.15 P.M., there being no other business, the Encampment closed.

After the close of the Encampment an appetizing and abundant luncheon was again served to the delegates by the Headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps, assisted by a large number of ladies from the corps in greater Boston. This enabled the delegates to start at once on the automobile ride to Concord and Lexington.

THE CAMP FIRE AT MECHANICS HALL.

General Character. — The annual camp fire of the Grand Army of the Republic was held on Wednesday evening at Mechanics Hall. In its general aspect it duplicated the great meeting held in the same place on the preceding Monday evening. On both occasions the vast auditorium was completely filled by the veterans, the members of their auxiliary organizations, and the general public; on both occasions the great throng overflowed with enthusiasm and patriotism; and on both occasions there were stirring speeches and inspiring music. The only discordant note in an evening of marked pleasure was the announcement that Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Gilman, who was to have presided, had that afternoon met with an accident and could not be present. Had the nature of the accident been stated, as it was not, the sympathy of the audience would have found more decided expression. It was afterwards learned that Comrade Gilman, who lost his good right arm at Gettysburg, was tripped by a wire on the Common, and had broken his other arm. Aside from this misfortune, the camp fire was on all hands pronounced one of the best ever held by the Grand Army.

Opening Features. — In the absence of Comrade Gilman Department Commander Daniel E. Denny presided. For half an hour before the speaking began, Teel's Orchestra kept the audience at a

high pitch of interest with its rendering of popular airs and old-time war songs.

Next came the ceremony of trooping of the Colors, when forty or more flags borne by veterans in uniform were carried through the central aisle and arranged at the rear of the platform. This feature, which was greeted with great applause, was in charge of Col. J. Payson Bradley.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Philip A. Nordell, D.D., Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of Massachusetts.

An amusing feature in the program of the evening was the appearance of four men who asked the privilege of singing, and who, according to the "Transcript," "claimed that they were from the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, and when they reached the platform the audience beheld four grizzled veterans with long blue coats and slouch hats. They had scarcely begun when they were halted long enough for the chairman to read a message from Washington to the effect that four of the best men of the War Department were missing and if found were to be held as prisoners of war. The four men were then stripped of their make-up and appeared properly as the members of the Lotus Quartet."

The Speaking. — The Governor, being detained by other engagements, was represented in a brief address by State Treasurer Charles L. Burrill.

Mayor James M. Curley, speaking for the city of Boston, and of the great parade said: No one could witness the parade of the Grand Army through the streets of Boston without a quickening of the pulse and the murmuring of a prayer for the good health and long life of the men who made it possible for the Nation to continue; and for Lincoln, the great emancipator, to become the greatest American of all time." When he cried out that the only way to preserve the freedom of America and uphold the traditions that his audience had fought for was through universal military service alone, every one of the old boys rose to his feet and shouted, "We're with you there, Mr. Mayor."

Corporal Tanner, who for many years has been a leading figure in the Grand Army, gave a rousing address in which, as usual, he consigned the Kaiser to a place seldom mentioned in polite society.

I never had such a desire in all my seventy-seven years of life to swear as I have at the present moment, — although I am a Methodist, — and wish that the Kaiser and all his brood were in hell. What the Grand Army did for the United States has

gone into history, and the fact that generations yet unborn are indebted to us of the 60's. Now the question is are these young men grown up in later years going to write a yellow leaf in the history of the Republic? I say not. [Cries of "No!" "Never!"] I say they will not, — they will go forward to battle as steady as you ever did, my Comrades. [Applause.] I can see these boys go over the top of the German trenches. Then the Kaiser will have more respect for the United States and the people of this country, whom he has insulted by his acts. When I think of some of the deeds the Germans have perpetrated in Belgium and France I am shocked; when I think of Edith Cavell and the "Lusitania" and other horrors to helpless people, it seems to me the eternal regions of damnation ought to be the abode of the Kaiser and his tribe. Some say to-day to Woodrow Wilson: "Strike — strike hard — strike with all the power of the Republic, and we are back of you to-day as we were back of Abraham Lincoln in '62."

Commander-in-Chief William J. Patterson told the assemblage he would never forget the reception the G. A. R. has had in Boston — he never knew of anything like it. "The Grand Army," he said, "is more venerated and has been received here with higher esteem than ever before in its history. Perhaps it is that the great war across the seas brings more forcibly to the minds of the people what war means and what you, my Comrades, suffered and endured in the great Civil War. Boston promised us the time of our lives, and I think we've had it."

During the evening a message was sent to the Belgian Mission, guests at a banquet in New York, conveying the greetings of the Grand Army. — *Transcript.*

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Visit to Lexington, Concord and Cambridge. — No places in our country give the visitor an acquaintance with so many places inseparably interwoven with its revolutionary history and its subsequent literary and scholastic development as Lexington, Concord and Cambridge. There were few if any of the delegates to whom these names had not been as household words since their school days. No greater treat could have been given them than a luxurious ride through a region in which almost every step recalled heroic sacrifices or immortal names. No wonder that the long train of automobiles was speedily filled after the luncheon was disposed of Thursday noon. They followed the old turnpike along which Paul Revere, escaping the British sentinels in Boston, galloped out to Lexington and Concord with the news that 800 British soldiers were on their way to destroy the American supplies at Concord. At Lexington they gazed at the Common where the British arriving at daybreak found 70 Americans waiting for them, who on being attacked fired a few shots in return, but were quickly scattered. At Concord they saw the bridge at which the embattled farmers fired the shot that was heard around the world. Here they visited the homes of Emerson and Thoreau. The homeward ride took them over the

road on which the British force, on its way back to Boston, would have been annihilated by the aroused and enraged country but for the timely arrival of reinforcements. At Cambridge they visited Harvard University and the homes of Longfellow and Lowell, and paused before the venerable elm under whose shadow Washington assumed supreme command of the American armies. At the City Hall they found awaiting them a sumptuous entertainment provided by the city. Of this they were urged to partake "without form" and without oratory. A short ride brought them back to Boston ready for whatever rest or pleasure the evening might bring.

Moving Pictures on Boston Common. — Thursday evening, under the direction of the Boston Young Men's Christian Association, the veterans and their friends were invited to witness a fine display of moving pictures at the band stand on the Common. A squad of Boy Scouts took care that all the veterans present were provided with seats. The pictures embraced views of some of the prominent battle-fields of the Civil War, scenes from the recent Russian revolution, and from the grand parade on Tuesday in which the veterans themselves had participated. The Marine Band from the Navy Yard furnished the music. Short addresses were made by Comrade J. Payson Bradley, Assistant Adjutant-General Fox of South Dakota, and Major Showers of St. Louis.

The Excursion to Nantasket and Shore Dinner. — The entertainments furnished by the Committee appointed for that purpose culminated on Friday in a sail down the harbor and a fish dinner at Paragon Park. Invitations to participate in this excursion were limited to the old soldiers of the Grand Army and the members of the Woman's Relief Corps, to whom tickets had been freely distributed. Two steamers had been engaged to convey the 1,600 excursionists to Nantasket. Both boats swung away from Rowe's wharf at 11 o'clock. Instead of going straight down the harbor they made a detour past Charlestown to enable the passengers to get a view of the Navy Yard and Uncle Sam's destroyers and battleships anchored there. Then, pausing for a time, they were given an impressive demonstration of the power of the harbor fire boats in drenching fires along the waterfront. The trip down the harbor was intensely interesting, especially to the westerners, many of whom had never had a view of the ocean before. The weather was superb, the water was calm, and the scenery appeared at its best as the numerous islands passed in rapid review. On each boat sixteen members of

Teel's band made plenty of music on the way. Nor were the old war songs lacking to enliven the company.

After disembarking at Nantasket pier the old boys and their wives, or temporary sweethearts from the Woman's Relief Corps, together with a multitude who had neither, marched in double file to Paragon Park, where the seats in the great dining hall and at the tables that had extended over the big piazza were quickly filled. The dinner, well cooked and well served, was such as many of the visitors had never seen, and of which all who partook of it carried away pleasant memories. At each cover was a folded card handsomely decorated with American flags, stimulating the most jaded appetite with the following list of good things coming:—

MENU.

Drawn Butter.	Steamed Duxbury Clams.	Clam Bouillon.
Olives.		Radishes.
	New England Fish Chowder.	
	Boston Crackers.	
	Broiled Live Chicken Lobster.	
	Saratoga Potatoes.	
Fried Ipswich Clams.		Tartare Sauce.
	Paragon Rolls.	
Vanilla Ice Cream.		Assorted Cake.
	Demi Tasse.	

Native Bostonians who know what good shore dinners are conceded that it was one seldom surpassed, and inlanders who had never tasted the like before "allowed" that it was a revelation. While the courses were being served a select company of vaudeville performers contributed greatly to the entertainment and hilarity of the guests. No affair on that scale would be complete without post-prandial addresses, and these were contributed by Gen. Thomas R. Mathews, Mayor James M. Curley, Commander-in-Chief Orlando A. Somers, and Corp. James Tanner.

The dinner over, the crowd scattered for a stroll along the magnificent beach, or beguiled their curiosity by taking in one or more of the numerous shows. It was great fun to see some of the bronchobusting cavalrymen of half a century ago risking their lives anew on the cavorting steeds of the merry-go-round.

The homeward sail was made in the evening twilight of an ideal summer day, as the purple mists of evening were slowly floating

upward from the darkening waters of the harbor. The city lamps were already lighted when the boats made fast at Rowe's Wharf, and the tired pilgrims hied them to their abodes after what was universally pronounced to have been the red letter day of Encampment week.

For the unqualified success of the arrangements great credit is due to the joint Entertainment Committee of the Grand Army and of the Woman's Relief Corps, of which Gen. Thomas R. Mathews was chairman of the former, and Mrs. Flora S. Chapin of Worcester, of the latter.

Special Privileges accorded to the Visitors. — The trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts extended to the soldiers and sailors of the Civil War and their allied organizations a cordial invitation to inspect the priceless collections of the museum any day during Encampment week, their respective badges giving them free admission and a hearty welcome.

The same courtesy was extended by the trustees of the Old South Meeting House to which an admission price is usually charged. All who wore the Grand Army badge, or that of the allied organizations, were admitted free. It is not only filled with relics of the Revolutionary period, but is itself connected with stirring events of that time.

King's Chapel, a fine specimen of old English architecture, was built in 1749, and succeeded an earlier one built in 1686. It was open daily from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. to the Grand Army and its friends.

The Old State House at the head of State Street, crowded with relics of early Boston history, attracted many visitors.

The Navy Yard also was opened to Grand Army men who might wish to visit it. A squad of marines was detailed to conduct them to the various points of interest. The privilege was greatly appreciated in view of the difficulty experienced by ordinary visitors in these war times to gain admission on any pretext.

In this connection it may not be improper to mention the neat booklet of 32 pages published by the Committee of Information, and entitled "*Official Directory and Program for the National Encampment, G. A. R.*" It gave the location of National and Department Headquarters of the Grand Army and its allied organizations; also of Boston Posts and reunions as far as information had been received. It also contained a complete program for the week, including the formation and line of march of the grand parade on Tuesday. Several pages of miscellaneous information, a brief sketch of historic Boston, and directions as to what to see and how were also included.

DISTANT ECHOES FROM THE ENCAMPMENT.

That the praise bestowed on Boston for the hospitality experienced and the entertainment so generously provided was not empty compliment but sincere appreciation is seen by the reports of the Encampment given in the General Orders issued shortly afterwards by many of the Departments. These reports were designed to give the old boys who had stayed at home a slight idea of what they had missed. A few of these comments are reprinted here:—

Department of Vermont. — Boston added new laurels to its previous established reputation as entertainer, and every detail for the entertainment, comfort and safety of her visitors was complete in every particular.

Department of New York. — The hospitality of the city of Boston, and the provisions made by the committee for the enjoyment of our Comrades and their families, remain with us a lasting and happy memory, which is most gratefully acknowledged.

Department of Missouri. — The Department Commander regrets that more Comrades could not be present to enjoy the generous hospitality so lavishly bestowed by the citizens of Boston. The occasion will remain a fragrant memory while life shall last with every Comrade who was so fortunate as to have been there.

Department of Oregon. — The Fifty-first Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Boston, Mass., was a most successful and inspiring gathering of the Comrades. The grand parade on Tuesday was a most impressive and inspiring event of intense interest to the great multitude which thronged the streets and cheered the remnant of the great host which saved the Union in the long ago.

Department of Colorado. — The National Encampment held in Boston, Mass., has passed into history as being the most enjoyable of the thirty-five Encampments attended by the Department Commander. The Comrades of the Department of Massachusetts, and the noble, loyal citizens of Boston, more than made good their promises to our Comrades. We received the greatest courtesy and kindness. We were welcomed with open arms; their hospitality has never been surpassed.

Department of Oklahoma. — Boston more than measured up to the most ardent expectations in every way, and the management may well feel proud at the results of their efforts. This Department feels it a duty to return thanks to all concerned for the many-featured and unexcelled entertainment. The ladies and Comrades who attended are ready to testify that Boston is "The Hub."

The parade was easily the most attractive feature, as evidenced by the appreciative thousands who viewed it. The boys who marched, though feeble, seemed to take on renewed life and vigor, as they marched in proud assurance of the good accomplished by them. They were further inspired by the realization that they were treading on ground made sacred by those who laid the foundation of a government, to which the hope of humanity is anchored.

Department of Wisconsin. — The Fifty-first National Encampment was one of the most impressive and notable gatherings of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The stirring, patriotic spirit of these "grand and awful times," when history is repeating itself in the parting with wives, families and friends, seems to have fitted the people generally to an appreciation of the service of the men of the 60's. The fact, too, of our lessening numbers no doubt intensified the inexpressible experience of this historic occasion in the far-famed city of Boston.

To speak of the "Cradle of Liberty" and the streets of a city whose fame is familiar to every schoolboy of to-day, — to recall these names of the great men and their lives, — one is reminded again and again that they, although being dead, yet speak more loudly and widely than ever before. The hospitality and cordiality extended by our Comrades of New England, and with them the citizens of to-day, was fully maintained.

Department of California. — The Fifty-first National Encampment, held at Boston, was a harmonious and notable gathering of the Grand Army of the Republic and a success in every respect.

The hallowed memories and sacred patriotic associations that cluster around the place where American Liberty received its first baptism of blood made the Encampment impressive and inspiring.

By their cordial greeting and most generous hospitality, our host did everything possible to make our stay enjoyable, and the loyal homage paid to our country's defenders by the entire citizenship of Massachusetts, whose best blood is ever ready to uphold the honor of the Republic, won the just praise and lasting gratitude of all.

The cheering thousands that thronged the line of parade seemed to embrace every man, woman and child of this great Commonwealth, and all with hearts throbbing in unison to the sublime sentiment voiced by the mighty Webster, as he pleaded for "Liberty and Union, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable."

APPENDIX.

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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE 1917 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT by and between the General Committee of Management of the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, by Francis E. Mole, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Encampment, Boston, Mass., and W. A. Wetherbee, Secretary, party of the first part, and The Grand Army of the Republic, by its Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, acting by and through W. J. Patterson, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and Chairman of said Committee, and H. H. Bengough, Adjutant-General of the Grand Army of the Republic, party of the second part, WITNESSETH:

1. That the party of the first part covenants and agrees with the party of the second part that in consideration of the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic being held in Boston, Mass., it will care for, house, feed and entertain in hotels, boarding-houses and lodging-houses, for a period of not less than three (3) days, nor more than five (5) days, commencing August 19, all members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and also members of the auxiliary and allied patriotic organizations, *hereinafter mentioned*, which may hold its conventions at the same date fixed for that of the Grand Army of the Republic, at a price for such accommodations not to exceed the regular rates or the usual capacity of the rooms, except with the consent of those in occupation of said rooms.

2. The party of the first part agrees to pay for Two Thousand (2,000) badges of a design and execution to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be known as Representatives' Badges, to be given to all voting members of the Encampment, and to the representatives in attendance upon the Encampment, by the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-

General of the Grand Army of the Republic, to whom said badges are to be delivered intact in Boston at least three (3) days before the opening of the Encampment; such badges to be packed in packages of ten (10) each.

3. It is further agreed that the die from which the Representatives' badges are cast is to be the property of the Grand Army of the Republic, and must be delivered with the badges to the Commander-in-Chief, or his order, for destruction.

4. The party of the first part also agrees to furnish badges for the delegates of the following auxiliary and allied organizations, of a design acceptable to the presiding officer of each of said respective organizations, as follows:

1. Woman's Relief Corps,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	900
2. National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100
3. Ladies of the G. A. R.,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	500
4. Daughters of Veterans,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	200
5. Sons of Veterans,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	300
6. Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	200
7. National Association of Union Ex-Prisoners of War,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	300
8. National Association of Naval Veterans of Civil War,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100

5. The party of the first part agrees to erect a reviewing stand or stands, with a seating capacity of not less than Four Thousand (4,000), said stand to be built of safe construction, and all tickets for the seating thereof to be delivered to the Commander-in-Chief, or his order, at least three (3) days before the beginning of the Encampment.

6. The party of the first part further agrees to furnish an auditorium or suitable hall in which may be held the National Encampment. Also, one hall or a suitable meeting place for the National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, one for the Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, one for the Convention of the Army Nurses of the Civil War, one for the Convention of the Daughters of Veterans, one for the Convention of the Sons of Veterans, one for the Convention of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, one for the Union Ex-Prisoners of War, and one for the National Association of Naval Veterans.

7. The party of the first part further agrees to furnish the necessary halls, free of charge, in which may be held Camp Fires during two evenings.

8. The party of the first part further agrees to entertain as guests during not to exceed five (5) days members of the Association of

Army Nurses of the Civil War, attending the Encampment, who served in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865.

9. The party of the first part further agrees to furnish a band of music, free of cost, subject to the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, during not to exceed four (4) days of the Encampment, and to furnish sufficient bands or martial music to cover the parade properly in the judgment of the Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant-General.

10. The party of the first part further agrees to furnish automobiles for the Commander-in-Chief and his immediate staff during the parade.

11. The party of the first part further agrees to furnish, free of cost, twenty-four rooms, each with bath, in Headquarters' Hotel, and entertain the Commander-in-Chief and forty-eight (48) persons named by him during the week of the Encampment; and also furnish entertainment and rooms, each with bath, for three (3) days before the date of the Encampment, for six (6) persons.

12. The party of the first part also agrees to furnish suitable Headquarters for the Commander-in-Chief for the transaction of the business of the Encampment, to be approved by him and occupied under his directions during the entire week of the Encampment.

13. The party of the first part further agrees to place at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief during the week of the Encampment one automobile, and at the disposal of the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, the National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and the National President of the Daughters of Veterans, one automobile for each, during the week, and also to furnish such automobiles as may be necessary for distinguished guests, during the parade, as may be required by the Commander-in-Chief.

14. The party of the first part further agrees to furnish to the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, National Association of Union Ex-Prisoners of War, and National Association of Naval Veterans, which meet in Boston, Mass., at the time of the Grand Army Encampment, suitable Headquarters for the transaction of their business, without cost; such Headquarters to be located convenient to the National Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic.

15. The party of the first part further agrees to raise for the purpose of entertaining the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations, *hereinbefore mentioned*, a sum sufficient to carry out the foregoing agreement.

16. It is hereby agreed and understood that this contract shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and be in full force and effect from this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 5th day of January, 1917, in Boston, Massachusetts.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BOSTON FOR
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

By FRANCIS E. MOLE,
Chairman, Executive Committee.
WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,
Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

By W. J. PATTERSON,
Commander-in-Chief.
H. H. BENGOUGH,
Adjutant-General.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE.

As chairman of the Accommodation Committee, to which position I was appointed Dec. 9, 1916, I have the honor to submit the following report.

The committee consisted of the following:—

Comrades.

John E. Gilman, *Chairman*, 13 Schuyler Street, Roxbury.
Ephraim B. Stillings, 368 Congress Street.
George T. Coppins, 120 Milk Street, Room 71.
John B. Lewis, 101 Tremont Street, Room 1102.
John Gardner, 335 State House.

Sons of Veterans.

William L. F. Gilman, *Secretary*, 148 State Street.
Sherwin L. Cook, 152 Dudley Street, Roxbury.
Edwin R. Olin, Braintree.
Gen. Charles K. Darling, 123 Post Office Building.

Citizens.

Thomas O. Paige, Hotel Victoria.
Gen. Walter E. Lombard, 4 Post Office Square.
Edward Seaver, 18 Tremont Street, Room 717.
Charles E. Osgood, 744 Washington Street.

Later the following subcommittees were created:—

On Hotels.—Charles E. Osgood, Thomas O. Paige and Edwin R. Olin.

On Boarding and Lodging Houses.—Edward Seaver, John B. Lewis, Sherwin L. Cook and John Gardner.

On Halls and Armories.—General Lombard, General Darling, Ephraim B. Stillings and George T. Coppins.

After some correspondence with the office of the Commander-in-Chief, a meeting was finally arranged for between the Executive Committee, the Committee on Accommodations and representatives of the Commander-in-Chief. At this meeting it was decided that the

Hotel Vendome should be selected as National Headquarters, and arrangements were immediately made with the proprietor of the Hotel Vendome for the accommodation of the Encampment during the week from August 19 to 25. A contract was duly entered into by which the Commander-in-Chief and his staff were to be provided with a certain number of rooms. A copy of this contract is given on page 271.

Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, private secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, and Quartermaster-General Cola D. R. Stowits arrived at the hotel on Friday, August 17, and were met by the secretary of this committee. Owing to sickness in the family who occupied the suite of rooms which had been assigned to the Commander-in-Chief, a rearrangement of rooms was made necessary. This rearrangement was made to the complete satisfaction of all parties. Because of this necessary departure, however, from the plan of the Accommodation Committee, the Headquarters of the Department of Massachusetts G. A. R. had to be changed from Room 16 on the first floor to Room 216 on the third floor. This matter was explained to the secretary of the Executive Committee, and the Department very graciously accepted the change.

The correspondence in regard to accommodations began in December, 1916, and continued until Saturday, Aug. 18, 1917. It amounted to more than 2,200 letters received and answered, and grew gradually so large that on June 11, by authority of the Executive Committee, Miss Nellie A. Tracy was employed as stenographer. The committee was in constant communication with the following hotels: the Vendome, Hotel Victoria, the Abbotsford, Copley-Plaza, the Westminster, the Brunswick, the Lenox, Copley Square Hotel, Hotel Oxford, the Georgian, the Thorndike, the Touraine, Clark's Hotel, Adams House, United States Hotel, the Bellevue, the Parker House, Young's Hotel, the Quincy, Hotel Commonwealth, Hotel Somerset, Hotel Fritz Carlton and Hotel Kempton. Without being able to estimate how many guests were assigned quarters by this committee when the convention opened, it can be said that practically every hotel in Boston was filled, especially those in the vicinity of the National Headquarters.

By arrangements made by this committee with the managers of the various hotels, suitable reservations were made for Headquarters of all national organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, the list being as follows: —

Grand Army of the Republic, Hotel Vendome.
Woman's Relief Corps, Hotel Vendome.
National Association Army Nurses, Hotel Westminster.
Ladies of the G. A. R., Hotel Victoria.
Daughters of Veterans, Hotel Brunswick.
Sons of Veterans, Hotel Bellevue.
Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Hotel Bellevue.
National Association Union Ex-Prisoners of War, Copley Square Hotel.

In accordance with the terms of the contract with the national organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, the following halls were furnished for the conventions of the organizations: —

Grand Army of the Republic, Symphony Hall.
Woman's Relief Corps, Tremont Temple.
Army Nurses, Parlor at Hotel Westminster.
Ladies of the G. A. R., Shawmut Congregational Church.
Daughters of Veterans, Paul Revere Hall.
Sons of Veterans, Ford Hall.
Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Chipman Hall.

In addition to the above, provisions were made for the following organizations: —

Grand Army of the Republic, in Mechanics Building, August 20, for an unofficial meeting, also in the same place, August 22, for a camp fire.
Woman's Relief Corps, Banquet Hall, Hotel Vendome, for reception.
Army Nurses, in parlor at Hotel Westminster, for reception.
Ladies of the G. A. R., Banquet Hall, Hotel Victoria, for reception.
Daughters of Veterans, Paul Revere Hall, for dance.
Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Ford Hall, for class initiation.
Ford Hall, meeting of the Roanoke Association.
Kinsley Hall, meeting of the Signal Corps.

Headquarters were provided at the Hotel Vendome for the Department of Massachusetts, the Executive Committee, the Committee on Accommodations and the Press Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Executive Committee of the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps.

At the request of Mrs. Florence Haynes, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Relief Corps, for tables and chairs to be furnished for use at the luncheon to be provided by them for the veterans at Symphony Hall, and the Woman's Relief Corps at Tremont Temple, this committee obtained from Tremont Temple the use of sufficient tables and chairs to accommodate the Woman's Relief Corps on the occasion of their luncheons on August 22 and

23, without charge. It also arranged with the following hotels, Vendome, Copley-Plaza, Somerset and Lenox, for the loan to them, free of charge, of sufficient tables to accommodate the veterans at their luncheons on August 22 and 23, the only expense incurred being the teaming of these tables to Symphony Hall and return, to the amount of \$30.

At a meeting held in Room 27, State House, it was voted that no free quarters be offered by reason of the fact that the veterans were too advanced in years to run the risk of the lack of care and conveniences necessarily accompanying the use of free quarters, and also by reason of the fact that there had been at that time very few requests for such quarters; indeed, there were not more than three or four inquiries made concerning free quarters. Because of a misunderstanding of the vote taken at that time, a promise of free quarters had been made to F. E. Pierce Post 455 of Rochester, N. Y., and by vote of the Executive Committee, quarters were arranged for them at a private house, at the rate of 50 cents per night per person for 29 Comrades, and the total amount of this bill was \$87. This was undoubtedly as cheap, if not cheaper, than they could have been furnished with cots and blankets, because the lowest price of cots was \$2.35 per cot, which would have meant, for 29 persons, \$68.15, with blankets and care to be added to this amount.

Some time in May arrangements were made by the Accommodations' subcommittee on hotels, of which C. E. Osgood acted as chairman, to print a map of the city of Boston, giving the line of the parade, the location of the principal points of interest, and the location of the various hotels and public buildings. On the reverse side a list of the hotels in the city, together with their rates for rooms, was printed, as was also information as to the headquarters of the various organizations and general information. Of these maps, 5,000 were delivered to this committee about June 1, and there was later distributed by this committee about 2,000 of these maps.

In the same month this committee placed the following advertisement in the Sunday "Globe," "Herald," "Post" and "American," and the Saturday "Transcript," "Traveler" and "Record":—

ROOMS WANTED.—The Committee on Accommodations for the National Encampment, G. A. R., to be held in Boston during the week beginning Sunday, August 19, are now ready to receive applications from those who may have rooms to rent to visitors. Registration may be made at Room 27, State House, from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. until further notice.

From the answers received to this advertisement there were registered rooms located principally near National Headquarters, to the number of 2,667.

Upon the registration of these rooms the Woman's Relief Corps, through the chairman of its Committee on Accommodations, Mrs. Laura I. Smith, personally investigated the location of these private quarters, and approved only those the condition of which was clean and sanitary, and the location of which was respectable and reliable. The number of rooms inspected by this committee was 2,100.

Prior to June 12, 1917, under the authorization of the Executive Committee, this committee had printed 10,000 copies of Circular No. 1, hereto attached, containing information as to the general plans of the Executive Committee for the reception of guests, and also concerning hotels and lodging houses. On June 14 a letter was sent to the Assistant Adjutant-General of every department of the G. A. R., and later practically all of the circulars printed were distributed by this committee and the Information Committee, reaching every Post Commander in the country. The circular was also sent whenever the committee received a request for information.

Following the custom used at the convention in 1904, in the city of Boston, cards were used for applications, for assignment of guests to private quarters and for a record of the same.

In Room 487, State House, afterwards obtained for the use of this committee, hundreds of applicants were interviewed, and the number of rooms offered, the rates and the location of the same were given upon a card, which was signed by the applicant. In all cases the committee was able to obtain a rate of \$1 or less per night per person; in the majority of cases they obtained a rate of 75 cents per night, and in some cases, 50 cents. The cards were purchased of the Library Bureau, who furnished two card index cabinets for the use of the committee, free of charge. In the preliminary work of registration the committee was assisted by Mrs. A. T. Talbot, stenographer for the Executive Committee.

On Saturday, August 18, the Headquarters of this committee was removed to Room 232, at the Hotel Vendome, and the principal work of the committee immediately began. By previous arrangement with W. Dudley Cotton, Esq., chairman of the Committee of American Boy Scouts, acting under instructions from Ormond E. Loomis, scout executive of Massachusetts American Boy Scouts, Boy Scouts were on hand to escort the veterans from the Vendome, to which they had

been directed by members of the Committee on Information at the South and North stations. These boys had been instructed in their duties by Mrs. Laura I. Smith at Room 487, our headquarters, at the State House. The efficient manner in which these faithful young scouts performed their duties deserves especial praise and mention. Even to such an impersonal organization as a committee, the sight of little boys of not more than twelve years of age bravely staggering along with grips, dress-suit cases and bundles of all descriptions, in escort of the old Comrades, was certainly affecting, and this committee cannot too highly commend the members of this organization.

By previous arrangement a special telephone for the use of this committee during Encampment week was installed; and while no record was kept of the calls received and made upon this telephone, the number must have been very great, for it was constantly in use, not only upon matters concerning this committee, but upon matters of all the other committees, as it was the only special telephone installed.

While previous to August 18 but 400 or 500 persons had requested assignments in private houses, during Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday 1,100 or 1,200 persons applied and received quarters, most of which were within five or ten minutes' walk from National Headquarters or from Symphony Hall. Members of the committee remained on duty during these four nights until 12 or 1 o'clock, and on one occasion until 3 o'clock in the morning. Owing to the inconvenience occasioned by the necessity of using the elevator to reach the room of the committee, the use of the private office of Mr. Frank K. Pierce, assistant manager of the Hotel Vendome, was offered to this committee on Sunday, August 19, which greatly facilitated the work of the committee.

In addition to its work of providing halls for conventions of the organizations, as reported heretofore, this committee's subcommittee on halls and armories, of which General Lombard was chairman, by courtesy of the school committee of the city of Boston, secured the use of the Prince School for reunions of the following organizations: Society of the Burnside Expedition and Ninth Army Corps, Ram and Fleet Brigade, National Association of Union Ex-Prisoners of War, 12th Massachusetts Regiment, 5th New York Cavalry, 32d Maine Regiment, 6th Maine Regiment, 17th Illinois Cavalry.

The above organizations held reunions each day, August 20 to 24,

inclusive; California Volunteer Veteran Association on August 21; 12th Maine Regiment Association on August 22.

The Floral Committee of the Woman's Relief Corps was given the use of a room at the Prince School during the entire week.

At the South State Armory, General Lombard provided a rendezvous for the Civil War musicians.

The United States Veteran Engineer Corps was given the use of Room 232, Hotel Vendome, for a meeting on August 21, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Among the experiences of the committee there were some instances of unselfish regard and generosity to the veterans which deserve especial mention, namely, the action of Miss Winn of Trinity Court, who gave her name as one who could furnish lodgings, and who, when asked the rate of the lodgings, replied, with some surprise, that she had no intention of charging them anything, and she actually did take care of three or four veterans who were sent to her.

There was the instance of Mrs. E. L. Macmahon, 68 St. James Avenue, who offered the use of her lodgings for two nights free of charge to those veterans who were assigned to her for the week, as her "bit" towards the entertainment of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In one case a veteran was lost in Somerville, having been directed to the wrong car. This committee was telephoned to about 11.30 or 12 o'clock at night by a Mr. Reed. The gentleman who telephoned offered to and did take the veteran to his own home for the night. Indeed, the committee received many telephone messages in regard to veterans who had lost their way, and was able in most instances to find, by reference to their registration cards, the address of their quarters. Invariably the person telephoning undertook to see that the veteran arrived safely.

There were many instances of courtesies offered to this committee, of which the committee desires to express its appreciation.

To Comrade J. B. Lewis for the use of his automobile in the interest of the investigation of lodging houses.

To the sergeant-at-arms at the State House, Mr. Thomas F. Pedrick, who at the request of this committee not only provided Room 487, a large room at the State House, for its headquarters, but furnished the same and installed a telephone; and to his efficient messengers, Comrades Bush and Tower, who supplied chairs and ice-water when needed.

To the Library Bureau, which furnished the cabinets referred to previously.

To the Hotels Vendome, Somerset, Lenox and Copley-Plaza for the use of tables.

To Mr. Frank K. Pierce, assistant manager of the Hotel Vendome, for the gratuitous use of his large office on the ground floor.

It is not likely that Boston will see another National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, but should such an occasion come, the experience of this committee may be of value. In such a case the committee would recommend:—

First. — Most strongly that the Sons of Veterans be called upon for an efficient brother to take immediate charge of the matter of accommodations. There would be work requiring his time for anywhere from one hour a day at the early part of his term to six or eight hours a day later on, and on the occasion of Encampment week itself, ten or twelve hours. Work of this nature, involving so many and varied duties, ought to be put upon the shoulders of a younger man.

Second. — Identification cards, providing a blank line for the insertion of the names of veterans visiting the Encampment city, should be printed at an early date, in duplicate, and distributed to all headquarters, which in turn should provide every visiting veteran with them, with the request that when his quarters are assigned, he retain one card in his possession and return the other to the Accommodation Committee. These cards should be addressed to the Accommodation Committee. There can be no perfect way of registration, but this method, I believe, will prove fairly effective, to the extent, at least, that on occasions where certain persons are inquired for by parties of friends, the addresses of such persons can be furnished. It is therefore recommended that all visiting veterans avail themselves of the identification cards.

Third. — The co-operation of the mayor of the city and the police should be sought, to prevent lodging-house runners from approaching incoming veteran visitors and soliciting them before they can get in touch with the agents of the Headquarters.

Aided by the faithful, efficient efforts of the Sons of Veterans, incoming guests of the Encampment were speedily assigned to quarters. This organization had many brothers in service at all stations in the city, and veterans were directed by them and often escorted by them to the headquarters of this committee, at the Hotel Vendome, where

the members of the committee took their names and addresses and immediately assigned quarters.

At the headquarters of the committee, at the Hotel Vendome, where for many hours anywhere from 20 to 30 persons were in line waiting for assignment, the committee was greatly assisted by the following ladies, members of the Woman's Relief Corps Committee on Accommodations: Mrs. Laura I. Smith, Miss Nellie A. Tracy, Mrs. Ida M. Cunningham, Miss Emily Corey, Mrs. Lulu Jones, Mrs. Lena Snow, Mrs. Margaret Harrison and Miss Edee Gibbs; and by Brothers Sherwin L. Cook and Edwin R. Olin of the Sons of Veterans. All members of the Committee on Accommodations, though not especially referred to, were at all times willing and anxious to be of assistance, and aided very effectively and materially in the work.

It was gratifying to this committee, at the termination of its efforts, to receive assurances from the Commander-in-Chief and his staff that their quarters, their service and their stay during Encampment week had been in the highest degree pleasing and satisfactory; indeed, these assurances were given to the committee, not only by those located at the Hotel Vendome, but also by those who were located at every other hotel, and particularly by those who were furnished quarters in private houses. But of course the greatest gratification to all those who served on the committee proceeded from the knowledge that they were able, in some measure at least, to have been of service to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The expenditures made by this committee amounted to \$7,092.46.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

JOHN E. GILMAN,

Chairman.

WILLIAM L. F. GILMAN,

Secretary.

Thousands of the following circular were sent out to all the departments in the Grand Army, with the request that they be sent out with the National General Order of approximately the same date to every Post in each department:—

CIRCULAR }
No. 1.

HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, G. A. R., FOR 1917,

27 STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, June 12, 1917.

I. The Executive Committee for the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic extends, through its Committee on Accommodations, to all Comrades and friends who visit Boston during Encampment week, beginning Aug. 19, 1917, the hearty welcome and generous hospitality of this historic city and the old "Bay State."

II. To provide for the comfort of the great number that will come to us entails a vast amount of thought and labor, and, in order that the Committee on Accommodations may arrange the details successfully, all intending visitors, whether organizations or individuals, who desire accommodations for Encampment week, are requested to make application promptly to the chairman of this committee, indicating clearly their wishes.

III. The following paragraphs will explain the plans formulated by this committee, which is respectfully submitted for your information:—

HOTELS.

All prices are based upon two persons to each room, and for not less than three days.

For all Posts or individual members or friends who desire hotel accommodations, a map of Boston, specially published for the coming National Encampment, will be forwarded on request, giving detailed information regarding location and rates at the principal hotels, also location of National and Department Headquarters, halls, armories and churches which will be used in connection with the National Encampment, including also the complete route of the parade.

While we recommend that you make your reservation direct with the hotel management, and as soon as convenient, as this has proved to be the most satisfactory way in the past, please remember that the committee is anxious to assist you in any possible way, and is at your service at all times.

LODGING HOUSES.

All prices are based upon two persons to each room, and for not less than three days.

Rooms about \$1 per day for each person, two in a room, without meals. If meals are served, prices for same must be arranged with the proprietor of the houses to which you are assigned, which range from 50 to 75 cents each meal.

Rooms in the vicinity of National Headquarters, at Hotel Vendome, Commonwealth Avenue and Dartmouth Street, will naturally be in greatest demand, and will be assigned in the order of application unless other localities be preferred.

In the opinion of the committee it will be better for all concerned if *rooms only* be engaged, because our guests may find it inconvenient to be at meals at regular hours.

In some cases breakfasts may be served in the house to which you are assigned, arrangements for which must be made with the host.

Good restaurants and boarding houses are conveniently located in all parts of the city and suburbs, where meals may be obtained at reasonable prices.

In some cases visitors may prefer to be located in the suburbs; therefore the committee desires to know your wishes in this regard. It is necessary for you to answer the following questions if you wish accommodations in lodging houses, on special card which will be sent you for this purpose.

1. What location preferred?
2. Number of persons to be provided for?
3. Number of rooms required?
4. With or without breakfast?
5. For what exact dates are rooms required?

IMPORTANT.

IV. Upon receipt of application for rooms in lodging houses a card will be sent you to fill out, which must be returned to this committee.

V. When arrangements are completed you will receive notice, giving address of the proprietor of the house to which you are assigned, who will receive a duplicate of the same, and a third copy will be kept on file at these Headquarters.

VI. If for any reason guests find themselves unable to occupy rooms engaged, the host must be notified *not later than July 28, 1917.*

VII. After Aug. 1, 1917, all proprietors reserve the right to rent rooms not actually engaged.

VIII. It is the plan of the Committee on Accommodations to bring together the proprietors of hotels or lodging houses and our visitors. All matters of detail regarding the location of the houses to which they are assigned, or questions regarding the rooms or meals and how best to reach the house on arrival, should be settled by correspondence between the host and guest, thus establishing friendly relations which will make our visitors feel they are in the house of their friends.

IX. In order to bring this about, applicants, upon receiving their official notice, are requested to *at once* notify the proprietor of the house to which they are assigned of their acceptance, and the proprietor is requested to cheerfully furnish information desired by their coming guests.

X. To disseminate this information among the largest number of people, Department Commanders are requested to forward a copy of this circular to each Post in their respective departments, and department and Post Commanders are requested to procure its publication in the metropolitan and local papers.

XI. To many of our Comrades and friends this will be a genuine home-coming, and it is earnestly hoped all will make an endeavor to be present at this great reunion of the survivors of the men who saved this great country and have lived to see it become exalted among the nations of the earth.

Fraternally yours,
J. E. GILMAN,
Chairman Committee on Accommodations.

REUNIONS.

The Executive Committee have voted to provide rooms and halls *free* for reunions of all military and naval organizations of Comrades of the Civil War, where they may meet for business and fraternal greetings.

Officers of associations desiring halls or rooms will please make application to

the chairman of Committee on Reunions, giving full name of organization, date and hour of meeting and duration of the same, with the probable number of members expected to be present.

It is also the intention of the committee to provide meeting places for reunions by States.

Further details will be announced later.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

EDWIN P. STANLEY,

Chairman Committee on Reunions.

27 STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BADGES.

The committee appointed to procure badges for the various organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic consisted of Granville C. Fiske, Mansel H. Bush and John J. Worden. They were moved by the same spirit of patriotism which actuates all in these times of a wide world war for Democracy. Accordingly they selected a beautiful design of the American flag ("Old Glory") flying in the breeze, which they hoped would make an important factor in stirring all to do their bit in encouraging patriotism for country and flag.

Eight firms submitted designs and prices, but the one mentioned above, submitted by the Robins Company of Attleboro, Mass., met the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee. Badges were obtained for the following organizations: —

Grand Army Delegates.	Sons of Veterans.
Women Relief Corps Delegates.	Daughters of Veterans.
Ladies of the G. A. R. Delegates.	Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.
Army Nurses.	Naval Veterans.
Press Club.	

There were also furnished about 400 badges for subcommittees of the various organizations, after they had been approved by their several officers.

The expense of the badges was somewhat larger than previous conventions on account of a much larger number furnished and the advance in prices of metals used in the construction of the badge, but all were highly commended for their beautiful workmanship and design, in keeping with the times and conditions of our country.

The total cost of the badges was \$3,070.65.

GRANVILLE C. FISKE,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONVEYANCES.

The work of securing automobiles to be used during Encampment week in Boston seemed almost impossible, but owing to the efficiency of my committee the response to the call was wonderful. On the day of the parade we had about 325 automobiles, all of which were loaned by the citizens of Boston. On the day of the trip to Concord and Lexington we had about 100 automobiles, but found we had to hire two sight-seeing autos outside of this number to take care of the great number who wished to see these historic places. On Wednesday evening, August 22, two large sight-seeing autos were sent to the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, and brought about 70 or 75 of the veterans to the Mechanics Building to attend the great camp fire of the week. There were cars at the doors of the National Headquarters, Hotel Vendome, all through the week of the Encampment for the use of the national officers. The larger number of these were furnished by the Winton Motor Car Company. I was assisted by a committee from the Sons of Veterans who did noble work. This committee consisted of Mr. F. Stockbridge, manager of the Winton Motor Car Company; Mr. Fred Bolton; Mr. Guy Richardson, secretary, S. P. C. A., and secretary of the Conveyance Committee; Mr. John M. Simpson; and Mr. John E. Lynch, treasurer of the Hodge Boiler Works. I would especially mention the work done by Mr. Stockbridge and Mr. Bolton in securing conveyances at this time, and I wish to thank all the members of my committee for their kind help all through the Encampment, without which I feel that I should have been powerless to have secured the conveyance we had.

Total expense was \$300.46.

Respectfully submitted,

AINSLEY R. HOOPER,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECORATIONS AND PARADE.

The two places where decorations were especially needed, and on a comparatively large scale, were Faneuil Hall and Mechanics Hall. Both were tastefully and profusely decorated with the national colors. The public rooms in the Hotel Vendome also received proper attention.

Through the public press the suggestion was made that the decoration of public buildings be confined as far as possible to "Old Glory."

Planning for the great parade and the innumerable details connected therewith consumed much time and thought. In consideration for the age and infirmities of the majority of the Comrades the march was made relatively short. The extent to which these plans were wisely made and successfully carried out must be left to the decision of those who witnessed the parade. Your committee having this supreme event of Encampment week in charge may, however, be allowed to express its gratification at the praise universally bestowed upon it by individuals, the press and, above all, by the Comrades who participated in it and helped to make it an unqualified success. So far as observed it was carried through without a hitch from beginning to end. While of necessity the major part of the arrangements had to come under the personal direction of the chairman, nevertheless he feels deeply grateful for the ready and efficient co-operation of his associates on the committee.

The expense incurred amounted to \$887.13.

J. PAYSON BRADLEY,

Chairman.

J. H. S. PEARSON,

Secretary.

REPORT OF ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

Having been selected by the Executive Committee of the Fifty-first National Encampment as chairman of the Entertainment Committee, I assumed the responsibilities of the position with much diffidence, feeling that from a lack of experience I was not equipped properly to discharge the duties of it.

The committee organized with T. R. Mathews as chairman, 88 Broad Street, Boston; Albion P. Pease, vice-chairman, Room 702, 88 Broad Street, Boston; Oliver P. Ricker, assistant secretary, 81 Bushnell Street, Dorchester; Leonard D. Ahl, 10 Commonwealth

Avenue, Boston; Alfred W. Carr, 326 Bay State Road, Boston; Dr. John Dixwell, 52 West Cedar Street, Boston; Addison L. Winship, 6 Ashburton Place, Boston; Joseph B. Maccabe, 32 Central Square, East Boston, secretary; Robert Martin, Room 325, 25 Huntington Avenue; C. W. C. Rhoades, Post Office Box 2931, Boston; and Fred E. Bolton, City Hall, Boston.

I desire to acknowledge the great obligation I am under to the above-named committee, and particularly to its efficient secretary, Joseph B. Maccabe. Whatever success resulted from the labors of the committee was largely due to the untiring support and loyalty of all its members.

Sunday, August 19, was observed by a patriotic meeting at the New Old South Church at 4 o'clock P.M. The Commander-in-Chief and staff, Department Commander and staff, Department President and staff of the Woman's Relief Corps were present, together with numerous delegations from the Grand Army of the Republic and kindred patriotic organizations.

Corp. James Tanner delivered an eloquent and patriotic oration. He was introduced by the National Commander-in-Chief, W. J. Patterson. The services were conducted by the assistant pastor, Rev. Willis H. Butler. A choice musical program was rendered by the Lotus Club and the Lotus Quartette, both under the direction of Mr. Robert Martin.

On Monday, August 20, a semi-official meeting was held under the auspices of the Executive Committee at Mechanics Hall at 8 o'clock P.M., Hon. John L. Bates presiding. Addresses of welcome were extended by Governor Samuel W. McCall and by Mayor James M. Curley. Department Commander Daniel E. Denny introduced Commander-in-Chief Patterson, who presided during the rest of the meeting and welcomed the various patriotic organizations auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. The meeting was a most enjoyable and enthusiastic one,—a pronounced success,—and adjourned at 11 P.M.

Tuesday was marked by the great parade of the Grand Army of the Republic. A camp fire was held in the evening at historic Faneuil Hall, Past Department Commander John M. Woods presiding. Addresses were made by His Excellency Governor McCall, His Honor Mayor James M. Curley, Commander-in-Chief Patterson, Corporal Tanner and the Russian Ambassador. A choice program of patriotic music was rendered by the Grand Army chorus, conducted by Past

National Commander John E. Gilman and the Lotus Quartette, under the direction of Mr. Robert Martin.

Wednesday, August 22, the National Encampment convened in Symphony Hall. In the evening a camp fire was held in Mechanics Hall under the auspices of the Executive Committee. An elaborate program was prepared by Past National Commander John E. Gilman, who had promised to preside at the meeting, but an unfortunate accident to him, resulting in a broken arm, prevented his so doing, and in his absence Department Commander Daniel E. Denny filled the position with great acceptance. Addresses were made by Governor Samuel W. McCall, Mayor James M. Curley and Commander-in-Chief William J. Patterson. The beautiful ceremony of trooping the Colors was under the direction of Comrade J. Payson Bradley. It was one of the greatest successes of the evening, arousing the immense audience to intense enthusiasm. The music was a marked feature of the occasion, and patriotic selections were rendered by the Grand Army chorus, consisting of Grand Army men. Choice selections by the Lotus Glee Club and solos by Miss Grace Hamlin contributed in a very large degree to make the occasion one long to be remembered.

Thursday was the last day of the Encampment at Symphony Hall. At the conclusion of the forenoon session a generous lunch was furnished by the Woman's Relief Corps. An automobile trip was given the delegates to historical Lexington and Concord. Friday, the last day of the Encampment, the delegates and the ladies accompanying them, together with delegates of the Woman's Relief Corps, were given a trip down the harbor and a fish dinner at Paragon Park, Nantasket Beach. Delegates and their friends numbering about 1,600 embarked on the steamers "Rose Standish" and "Mary Chilton" from Rowe's Wharf at 11 o'clock A.M. Through the courtesy of His Honor Mayor Curley, a wonderful and interesting exhibit was given by the fire department of what their fire boats were capable of doing in case of fire along the water front. It was a great treat and novelty for all of us. A pleasant trip was had to Nantasket, the weather being most delightful. The Charlestown Navy Yard and the super-dreadnaughts were inspected in passing. The company arrived at Paragon Park on time, where an excellent dinner was served. Addresses were made by His Honor Mayor James M. Curley, Commander-in-Chief Orlando A. Somers and Corporal Tanner. A patriotic vaudeville entertainment was given complimentary to our visitors, and excellent vocal music was rendered on the steamers and at the dinner

by the Lotus Glee Club. The trip was a pronounced success, and our visitors were unstinted in their commendation, all agreeing that they had had the time of their lives. On returning to Rowe's Wharf the delegates dispersed to their respective hotels, all feeling that the Encampment had been a wonderful success looking at it from any point of view.

Total expenses of committee, \$6,879.15.

THOMAS R. MATHEWS,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FANEUIL HALL.

As chairman of the Faneuil Hall Entertainment Committee I submit the following report: The hall was kept open the entire week, August 20 to 25, inclusive. The following figures show the interest in the historic building. During these six days 600 registered, while the total number of visitors was estimated at from 2,000 to 2,500. As the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company kept its armory open an opportunity for registration was given there also. This resulted in the taking of 250 names, while the estimated number of callers ranged from 500 to 1,000. Considering the number of steps in the stairs leading up to this attic of Faneuil Hall, the result speaks volumes for the interest of the visiting public in the structure and its contents. Too much cannot be said of the interest and faithfulness of the members of the committee—of their courteous treatment of all visitors in trying to make their visit to Faneuil Hall one long to be remembered.

The members of the Ancient and Honorables, other than those who were members of the committee, were also anxious to do everything in their power to make everybody welcome. I recommend that the Executive Committee send a letter of thanks to the company. I desire to render thanks to the members of the Executive Committee for the true comradeship shown to me during my service with them.

Expense incurred by the committee was \$15.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

GEORGE W. WILDER,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The following report contains a statement of the receipts from all sources, the amounts disbursed by the Executive Committee and by the several subcommittees, the pay roll and office expenses. Also the names are given of those who subscribed to the gift fund and to the guarantee fund. A full account of the work of the committee is given in the history of the Encampment.

Debit.

Cash received from —	
The State of Massachusetts,	\$25,000 00
The city of Boston,	2,000 00
Woman's Relief Corps,	600 00
Subscribers to gift fund,	2,511 00
Subscribers to guarantee fund,	1,260 00
All other sources,	508 41
Total,	\$31,879 41

Credit.

Cash paid out for —	
Committee on Accommodations,	\$7,092 46
Committee on Badges,	3,070 65
Committee on Conveyances,	300 46
Committee on Decorations and Parade,	887 73
Committee on Entertainment,	6,879 15
Executive Committee,	2,936 54
Committee on Faneuil Hall,	15 00
Committee on Finance,	148 39
Committee on Grand Stand,	37 55
Committee on Information,	500 44
Committee on Invitations,	129 53
Committee on Medical Aid and Public Comfort,	261 66
Committee on Music,	896 66
Committee on Press,	13 68
Committee on Printing,	263 35
Committee on Reception,	8 00
Committee on Reunions,	11 00
Committee on Transportation,	467 15
Pay roll,	2,269 00
Office expenses,	345 12
Refund to State of Massachusetts,	3,345 89
Refund to city of Boston,	2,000 00
Total,	\$31,879 41

Names of Subscribers to the Gift Fund.

Allen Lane Company,	\$25	Litchfield, Wm. E.,	\$5
Blackmar, Helen R.,	250	Parker, C. W., & Co.,	10
Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad,	50	Pfister & Vogel,	50
Brewer, Fannie F.,	250	Pillsbury, A. E.,	25
Brown Durrell & Co.,	250	Powell, J. H.,	1
Cash,	10	Rand, Arnold A.,	100
Chandler & Farquhar Company,	10	Richards, J. L.,	25
Chester, W. R.,	10	Rollins, E. H., & Sons,	50
Cook, T. D., & Co.,	10	Smith, Timothy, Company,	50
Crane, W. Murray,	100	Stevens, Edwin A.,	10
Deering, Milliken & Co.,	100	Storer, Abbey M.,	50
Estabrook & Co.,	100	Storer, Mary C.,	50
Flanders, Wm. M., Company,	50	Storrow, James J.,	100
Homer, Geo. E.,	250	Sons of Veterans Auxiliary,	10
Hotel Bellevue,	50	Van Nostrand, A. G.,	25
Hotel Haymarket,	10	Weeks, John W.,	100
Hotel Westminster,	50	White, L. A., Shoe Company,	50
Kelley, Thos., & Co.,	100	Winsor, Robert,	100
Kelsey Company,	25	Total,	\$2,511

Names of Subscribers to the Guarantee Fund.

Adams, C. C.,	\$100	Carter, John, & Co.,	\$100
Adams, Cushing & Foster,	25	Carter, Rice & Co., Inc.,	100
Amory, Charles B.,	50	Chandler & Co.,	500
Andrews Paper Company,	100	Chase, L. C., & Co.,	50
Appleton, Samuel,	100	Chase & Sanborn,	100
Arnold Roberts Company,	100	Child, Samuel M.,	100
Baker, G. B.,	50	Childs' Company,	75
Barker, Wm. G., Company,	25	Clapp & Tilton Company,	50
Barnet, J. S., & Sons, Inc.,	100	Clothing Manufacturers Association of Boston,	1,200
Barnet Leather Company,	50	Cobb, Bates & Yerxa Company,	200
Beggs & Cobb, Inc.,	100	Codman, Wm. Coombe,	100
Bird, J. A. & W.,	50	Commonwealth Shoe and Leather Company,	50
Blake & Stearns,	100	Conrad & Co.,	50
Blumenthal, F., & Co.,	100	Cook, Thos. N.,	100
Boston Herald,	200	Coppins, Geo. T.,	100
Boston Molasses Company,	100	Cordingly & Co.,	100
Boston Traveler,	200	Crimmins & Pierce,	100
Bradley, J. Payson,	100	Crocker, Walter L.,	50
Brown & Adams,	100	Cross, Chas. F., & Co.,	100
Burnett, Jos., Company,	50	Curtis, Albert H.,	25
Burns, Paul S.,	10	Cushman Hollis Company,	100
Carpenter-Morton Company,	50		
Carter, Frank W.,	100		

Names of Subscribers to the Guarantee Fund — Continued.

Darling, Chas. E.,	\$100	Houghton Mifflin Company,	\$100
Dean, Chase Company,	100	Hovey, C. F., & Co.,	500
Dewey, Gould & Co.,	100	Howe Brothers Company,	100
Douglas, W. L., Shoe Company,	100	Hurlburt, Archie F.,	25
Dupree & Meadows,	100	Jackson, Chas. F.,	100
Eastern Drug Company,	100	Jones, McDuffie & Stratton Company,	100
Eisemann Brothers,	100	Jones, Seward W.,	50
Eldridge Baker Company,	25	Jordan Marsh Company,	100
Ellery, Wm.,	100	Koshland, J., & Co.,	100
Ellis, Geo. H.,	100	Lawrence, A. C., Leather Com- pany,	100
English & O'Brien,	100	Leonard & Barrows,	100
Estabrook, A. F.,	100	Leviseur & Conway,	100
Farley, Harvey & Co.,	100	Lewis, W. Frank,	100
Farnsworth, Hoyt & Co.,	100	Massachusetts Breweries Com- pany,	100
Field, Daniel W.,	100	Massachusetts Order Loyal Legion,	100
Field & Cowles,	100	Mauger & Awery,	100
Filene's, Wm., Sons Company,	500	McDonald, W. J.,	100
Fitch, L. H.,	50	McElwain, W. H., Company,	100
Forbes, Allan,	10	Monroe Felt & Paper Company,	100
Foster, F. A., & Co., Inc.,	25	New England House,	10
Frye, Phipps & Co.,	25	North Packing and Provision Company,	100
Ganse, Franklin W.,	25	Northwestern Leather Com- pany,	100
Gardiner, Robert H.,	100	O'Brien, Robert L.,	100
Gilmore, Geo. L.,	100	Osgood, C. E., & Co.,	100
Ginn & Co.,	100	Paige, John C., & Co.,	100
Graves, C. H., & Sons,	100	Paine, Webber & Co.,	100
Hall, Martin L., Company,	50	Parker, Wilder & Co.,	100
Haskell, Edward H.,	100	Patterson & Co.,	100
Hawley, Folsom Company,	100	Pierce, S. S., Company,	500
Hayes, Jas., & Co.,	50	Pierce, Wallace L.,	100
Healey Hotel Company,	25	Plant, Thomas G., Company,	100
Hecht, Liebmann & Co.,	100	Preston, Elwyn G.,	25
Herman, Jos. M., Shoe Com- pany,	100	Proctor, Henry H.,	100
Hobbs, Taft & Co.,	100	Purdy, O. M., & Co.,	100
Hollander, L. P., & Co.,	100	Ratshesky, A. C.,	100
Hollingsworth & Whitney Com- pany,	200	Regal Shoe Company,	100
Hollowell, Jones & Donald,	100	Revere House,	50
Holt & Bugbee,	25	Rhodes, Edgar L.,	50
Hood Rubber Company,	100	Rhodes, Leonard H.,	50
Hornblower & Weeks,	500	Rhodes & Ripley,	50
Hotel Essex,	100		
Hotels Lenox and Brunswick,	100		
Hotel Vendome,	500		
Houghton & Dutton Company,	200		

Names of Subscribers to the Guarantee Fund — Concluded.

Rice & Hutchins, Inc., . . .	\$100	Walworth Manufacturing Company,	\$500
Rosenbush, A. A., Company, . .	50	Ward, Samuel, Manufacturing Company,	25
Rosenthal Brothers,	100	Warren, S. D., & Co.,	100
Rousmaniere Williams Company,	100	Webster & Atlas National Bank,	100
Sampson & Murdock Company,	100	Webster-Thomas Company,	25
Shedden, Wm. F.,	100	Wellington-Wild Coal Company,	100
Shreve, Crump & Low,	100	Whipple, J. R., & Co.,	500
Shuman, A.,	250	Whitcher, Frank W.,	100
Slattery, E. T., & Co.,	100	White, R. H., Company,	500
Smith, Geo. S.,	100	Whittemore Brothers Company,	100
Stearns, A. T., Lumber Company,	50	Wiley, Francis, & Co.,	100
Stearns, R. H., Company,	500	Willett, Geo. F.,	100
Stone, Galen L.,	500	Williams, J., & Co.,	100
Stone & Forsyth Company,	100	Winchell, J. H., & Co., Inc.,	100
Storrs, A., & Bement Company,	100	Winslow & Co.,	100
Studley & Emery,	100	Wirth, Chas., & Co., Inc.,	25
Taylor, Geo. W.,	100	Wolfer, Wm., & Co.,	25
Thayer, McNeil Company,	100	Wrenn, Philip,	100
United States Leather Company,	100	Wright Brothers,	100
United Shoe Machinery Company,	100	Wright, J. G., & Co., Inc.,	100
Walker Stetson Company,	100	Wright & Potter Printing Company,	50
Walton, A. G., & Co.,	100	Woods, John M., & Co.,	100
			\$20,830

A considerable number of the subscribers to the guarantee fund, though under no obligation to do so, generously insisted on making their conditional pledges real contributions. These gifts amounted to \$1,260.

EDWARD H. HASKELL,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND STÁND.

By vote of the Executive Committee the building of a grand stand for the use of the Grand Army of the Republic during the National Encampment was placed in my hands with full powers; also a vote was passed that the city of Boston should build the grand stand. Several conferences were held with His Honor Mayor James M. Curley, mayor of the city of Boston, also with Building Commissioner Patrick O'Hearn, Superintendent of Buildings M. D. Kneeland and

Architect C. H. Blackall. An agreement was reached whereby the city of Boston agreed to build and pay for the grand stand, and, in addition, give the Executive Committee the sum of \$2,500. The bills for lettering the rows of seats, chairs for reviewing stand, and cards to denote sections amounted to \$73.05, for which the Executive Committee paid. The stand itself cost the city of Boston \$9,650, the city owning it after the Grand Army was done with it.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

JOHN M. WOODS,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION.

The Committee on Information herewith submits its report.

The committee was duly organized, as follows:—

Ephraim B. Stillings, *Chairman*, 368 Congress Street, Boston.
Fred E. Bolton, *Vice-Chairman*, 301 City Hall Annex, Boston.
Rupert J. Chute, *Secretary*, "Boston Transcript," Boston.
O. J. Sebolt, *Assistant Secretary*, 46 Harvard Avenue, Allston.
William L. Gage, South Braintree.
John Gardner, 335 State House, Boston.
Charles E. Pierce, 368 K Street, South Boston.
John Flood, Newton, Mass.
James T. Wellington, Norwood, Mass.

During Encampment week Brother O. J. Sebolt of the Sons of Veterans was assigned to your chairman at the Hotel Vendome, and rendered valuable service in distributing the supplies and keeping a record of the same.

Your chairman appointed him to serve as assistant secretary, and make a report of the work accomplished, which was done.

The Executive Committee was respectfully requested to confirm this appointment, which it did.

Our committee held several meetings and reported progress to the Executive Committee. As a matter of record, the report of the meeting of our committee July 13, 1917, approved by the Executive Committee, is herewith submitted.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION, NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,
G. A. R. FOR 1917.

BOSTON, MASS., July 13, 1917.

The Committee on Information met at Room 174, Young's Hotel, at 2 o'clock this date. There were present E. B. Stillings, *Chairman*, F. E. Bolton, *Vice-Chairman*, R. J. Chute, *Secretary*, William L. Gage and John Gardner.

It was voted, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee:—

1. That information booths be established as follows:—

At Hotel Vendome, in charge of the Committee on Information, assisted by the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and Boy Scouts, from Sunday to Thursday, this booth to be considered the headquarters of the Committee on Information.

At the South and North stations, in charge of the Sons of Veterans, assisted by Boy Scouts as messengers, from Sunday morning to Wednesday, the work at the stations being mainly to assist guests to locate hotels and lodging houses.

2. That each booth be appropriately decorated with large signs indicating its purpose.

3. That large cardboard bulletins be printed, giving location of National and Department Headquarters of the Grand Army and allied bodies, and placed in conspicuous positions at the Hotel Vendome and other hotels, also at the information booths and convention halls.

4. That the Assistant Adjutants-General be requested to notify this committee of the location of their Department Headquarters and of the Posts of their Departments, that the same may be announced in the Booklet of Information to be published by this committee.

5. That at least 150 Boy Scouts be placed on duty at each of the railroad stations and at the Hotel Vendome, as messengers.

6. That 10,000 Information Booklets be printed.

7. That 10,000 copies of "Stranger's Directory," donated by the "Evening Transcript," be distributed.

8. The committee recommends that a sufficient quantity of each of these books be supplied to each organization to be distributed by them with the badges, thus securing distribution among the delegates of all bodies without delay.

9. That the remainder be sent to the information booths and leading hotels for distribution.

10. That the chairman of each subcommittee and the secretary of the Executive Committee forward promptly to the chairman of Committee on Information any items of interest they desire published in the booklet. Copy for this booklet must all be received not later than Saturday, Aug. 4, 1917.

Meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.

E. B. STILLINGS,
Chairman.

RUPERT J. CHUTE,
Secretary.

The minutes of our final meeting are also submitted herewith:—

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION, NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,
G. A. R., for 1917.

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 10, 1917.

The Committee on Information met at Room 174, Young's Hotel, at 2 o'clock. There were present E. B. Stillings, *Chairman*, F. E. Bolton, *Vice-Chairman*, R. J. Chute, *Secretary*, William L. Gage, John Gardner and Charles E. Pierce.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the chairman and approved. He stated that he had submitted that report to the Executive Committee, who gave it its unanimous approval. It was voted —

That special buttons be prepared and worn by all identified with our particular work, bearing the words "Ask Me."

That a supply of small pads be furnished each information booth for their convenience in writing information for use of our visitors.

That Brother Fred E. Bolton have special charge of the North and South stations.

That the chairman secure the loan of Boston Directories for all information booths from the publishers, Sampson, Murdock & Co.

Meeting adjourned at 3.30 P.M.

E. B. STILLINGS,
Chairman.

RUPERT J. CHUTE,
Secretary.

Necessary Supplies.

In accordance with instructions of Executive Committee, the "Official Guide and Programs" for the week was compiled by your chairman, with the assistance of our secretary, Comrade Chute.

Ten thousand copies were published and delivered to the room of the chairman at Hotel Vendome.

Ten thousand copies of the "Stranger's Directory," generously donated by the "Boston Evening Transcript," were delivered at the same place.

Three thousand copies of the official map were turned over to us by the Committee on Accommodation.

Fifty large bulletin cards, with cord attached, giving location of National and Department Headquarters, G. A. R., and 50 of the same giving location of allied organizations were printed.

Five hundred celluloid buttons printed in red and blue ink, bearing the words "Ask Me," were ordered to identify those acting for the Committee on Information.

Five hundred small writing pads were ordered for the use of the information booths.

The loan of Boston Directories from Sampson, Murdock & Co., for the information booths, was secured without charge.

Many placards were made and placed wherever needed.

Now came the tug of war, as prompt action was imperatively necessary.

How best to impart information to the Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps and Boy Scouts detailed to assist our committee, so that all might work intelligently, was the problem.

Your chairman decided to call a joint meeting of the Sons of Veterans and Boy Scouts at the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Saturday, August 18, at 9 A.M., which was secured through the courtesy of Vice-Chairman Fred E. Bolton.

This meeting was largely attended and a most inspiring occasion. In order that all might understand their duties clearly, a special circular letter of instructions was printed and distributed to all present, and a supply given to those in charge of the several details assigned to this special work. A copy of this circular letter is herewith submitted: —

HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION,
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, G. A. R., FOR 1917,
27 STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Aug. 17, 1917.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION, G. A. R.

I. The Sons of Veterans are to have entire charge of the information booths at Hotel Vendome and the North and South stations and wherever needed by this committee, assisted by the Woman's Relief Corps and 150 Boy Scouts.

The principal information booth will be at Hotel Vendome, from which all supplies will be issued.

Information Buttons.

II. A special button will be worn by all identified with this work, bearing the words "Ask Me."

III. Mr. James T. Wellington, Past Division Commander, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be in command and will issue such orders as he deems necessary.

IV. Mrs. Ella F. Long, chairman of the Committee on Information of the Woman's Relief Corps, will report to Mr. Wellington and arrange details with him concerning the work assigned to the members of her committee.

V. Mr. Walter L. Tufts, 1105 Dexter Building, 453 Washington Street, Boston, in charge of the Boy Scouts, will report to Mr. Wellington for detailed instructions.

VI. A joint meeting will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 9 o'clock A.M. Saturday, August 18, for mutual conference.

Back Bay and Huntington Avenue Stations.

VII. No booths will be established at these stations, but details must be made from the Sons of Veterans and Boy Scouts to properly cover the arrival of trains at these stations.

Incoming Steamers.

VIII. Details of Sons of Veterans and Boy Scouts must be sent to meet the steamers from New York, Portland, Bath and Bangor on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday mornings, August 19, 20, and 21.

These steamers are due to arrive:—

From New York, India Wharf, 7.30 A.M.

From Bangor, India Wharf, 7 A.M.

From Bath, Foster's Wharf, 6 A.M.

From Portland, Central Wharf, 4.30 A.M.

Details must report at these wharves not later than 7 A.M.

Special Assignment.

IX. A detail of Sons of Veterans will meet Post 1, G. A. R., of New Bedford, on its arrival at the Back Bay Station, Tuesday, August 21, at 8.30 A.M., and escort them to their position in line for the parade.

The Department of Massachusetts forms on the walk between the driveways on Commonwealth Avenue, right resting on Arlington Street.

Bulletins.

X. Large bulletins, 22 by 28, with cord attached, will be placed in conspicuous positions at all railroad stations and wharves heretofore mentioned and at the leading hotels, giving location of National and Department Headquarters, G. A. R., and allied organizations.

Official Directory and Program of the Week.

XI. Copies of these books will be distributed at each station and leading hotels, which may be given to visitors.

Stranger's Directory.

XII. "The Boston Evening Transcript" has generously donated several thousand copies of its "Stranger's Directory," which will be distributed with the official booklets.

Boston Directories.

XIII. Sampson, Murdock & Co. have loaned three copies of their latest Boston Directory for use at the information booths at Hotel Vendome, also the North and South stations.

Writing Pads.

XIV. An ample supply of small pads will be placed at each station for writing information for the use of our visitors.

XV. The Boy Scouts will have a headquarters tent on Boston Common for all branches of Boy Scout service during Encampment week.

XVI. The Committee on Information feels assured that the Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, and Boy Scouts assigned to this particular work will perform their duties faithfully. Upon them rest the honor and responsibility of first receiving our honored guests.

E. B. STILLINGS,

RUPERT J. CHUTE,
Secretary.

Chairman Committee on Information.

Mrs. Ella F. Long, chairman of the Committee on Information, Woman's Relief Corps, was present.

The celluloid buttons to be worn by those on duty were also distributed at this meeting.

After a brief talk by your chairman, Vice-Chairman Fred E. Bolton addressed the meeting very effectively.

Brother James T. Wellington, Past Division Commander, Sons of Veterans, who was given command, then announced his plans, and directed details of Sons of Veterans and Boy Scouts to be sent at once to the Hotel Vendome and to meet all incoming trains at the North and South stations; also at Huntington Avenue and Back Bay stations.

Under direction of Mrs. Ella F. Long, chairman of the Committee on Information, Woman's Relief Corps, details of her committee reported for duty at the several information booths and rendered most valuable service.

By special arrangement at the South Station, announcement was made on all trains coming east, suggesting that our guests leave the train at Huntington Avenue and Back Bay stations, which proved a great convenience to them.

Train arrivals were reported in advance by the railroad officials, and all late trains and extra sections were met in addition to the regular trains. Details were posted to meet the incoming steamers from New York City, Bangor, Portland and Bath at 7 A.M. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday mornings. All details at stations and wharves were maintained until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Each group was in direct charge of specially detailed Sons of Veterans, assisted by members of the Woman's Relief Corps and Boy Scouts.

The principal information booth and source of supplies was located at Hotel Vendome, and proved to be most helpful to our guests.

Brother O. J. Sebolt of the Sons of Veterans was detailed to assist your chairman, and his loyal service cannot be too highly commended.

Brothers I. W. Floyd and Leroy Ricker of the Sons of Veterans were placed in charge of the information booth at Hotel Vendome, assisted by Mrs. Ella F. Long, chairman of the Committee on Information, Woman's Relief Corps, and members of her committee.

The Boy Scouts detailed for service at Hotel Vendome were in charge of Scoutmaster Woodworth. To them was assigned the duty of delivering 50 sets of bulletins, giving location of National and

Department Headquarters, G. A. R., and allied organizations, to National Headquarters of the several organizations, also railroad stations, wharves and leading hotels.

Each scout was instructed to request that these bulletins be placed in a conspicuous position. Each one reported that he was courteously received and that his request was complied with.

The scouts also delivered a supply of the "Official Guide and Program" for the week, the "Stranger's Directory," donated by the "Boston Evening Transcript," and official maps of Boston to National Headquarters of several organizations and wherever directed.

The room of your chairman at the Hotel Vendome was practically a shipping room for several days. The following supplies were received and distributed:—

10,000 "Official Guide and Program" of the week.

10,000 "Stranger's Directory," donated by the "Boston Evening Transcript."

3,000 official maps, turned over to us by the Committee on Accommodations.

It became necessary to assign the proper quantities of each for those entitled to receive them and to have them packed and delivered. This required the services of an expert packer, and your chairman was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. C. S. Winter of the Griffith-Stillings Press, without compensation. Brother Sebolt and Mr. Winter completed this task at midnight of Saturday the 18th.

Preference in distribution was given to the information booths and National Headquarters, G. A. R., which duty was performed by Brother Sebolt not later than 2 o'clock on Saturday.

Mrs. Gross of the Woman's Relief Corps, Committee on Information, kindly placed a car at his disposal to deliver the heavy packages at the North and South stations.

On Sunday morning the 19th Comrade Ainsley R. Hooper, chairman of Committee on Conveyances, very kindly placed his car at our disposal to deliver the remainder of supplies to several hotels. Comrade Hooper, Brother Sebolt, a Boy Scout and your chairman made this trip and incidentally visited the Huntington Avenue, Back Bay, North and South stations, and saw how effectively the work was being performed by our enthusiastic corps of workers.

Acknowledgments.

Your chairman wrote a personal letter to Brother James T. Wellington, Past Division Commander, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., who was placed in charge of all information booths, assisted by large details from the Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps and the Boy Scouts, thanking him for the splendid service rendered, and requesting him to convey the thanks of our committee to his associates.

Similar letters were written to Mr. Walter L. Tufts, in charge of the Boy Scouts; also to Mrs. Ella F. Long, chairman of the Woman's Relief Corps Information Committee.

The superb and unselfish service of the Sons of Veterans to our committee has endeared them to all our hearts.

The members of the Woman's Relief Corps Committee on Information and the Boy Scouts loyally co-operated with the Sons of Veterans in welcoming and caring for our honored guests.

Our committee wishes gratefully to acknowledge the kindly co-operation and support of the Executive Committee during our labors.

Recommendations.

We respectfully recommend that the Executive Committee express its appreciation of the extraordinary service rendered our committee by the Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps and Boy Scouts.

If the state of our finances permit, we earnestly recommend that a donation be made to the Boy Scouts through the proper officials, thus encouraging and helping these boys in their noble work.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

E. B. STILLINGS,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS.

I have the honor to transmit my report herewith as chairman of the Committee on Invitations to the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Executive Committee approved the sample presented of a beautiful engraved invitation. We had 5,000 printed, and mailed them to all the delegates and representatives to the Fifty-first National Encampment; also to the delegates and representatives of the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans, Ladies of the G. A. R., United States Senators, Representatives in Congress, members of the Massachusetts Legislature, mayor and council of the city of Boston.

Many letters from Comrades were received by the committee expressing appreciation and thanks for the beautiful souvenir from the Grand Army of the Republic.

The following-named Comrades were members of the Committee on Invitations: Eli W. Hall, E. B. Stillings, Daniel E. Denny, Ainsley R. Hooper, Edward H. Haskell and John E. Gilman.

Expenses were \$129.53.

ELI W. HALL,

E. B. STILLINGS,

Chairman.

Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL AID AND PUBLIC COMFORT.

The above committee was organized Feb. 17, 1917, with Henry Clark, chairman, Granville H. Fiske, vice-chairman, John Dixwell, M.D., secretary, and seventeen other members.

The chairman and the secretary held many conferences, and it was obvious that the principal duty of the committee during Encampment week would be to meet, so far as possible, every emergency arising during the parade of August 21.

The first effort made was to urge the Commander-in-Chief, both privately and through the general committee, to order a parade entirely of automobiles, and promises were received of a sufficient number to warrant the suggestion. As this plan was not favorably considered, the next step was to supply the deficiency of ambulance service caused by the withdrawal of the trained ambulance corps of the 8th and 9th Regiments, which were called to the Colors with their surgeons who were members of this committee.

The first regular meeting of the committee was held July 24, and was followed by weekly meetings until the Encampment on August 19. Formulated plans were presented, discussed, changed, rejected or accepted as the situations and circumstances required. It was learned that this committee was expected to safeguard the health of our visitors at every public assembly throughout the week. This demanded a much larger staff of physicians and orderlies, but it was most noticeable that every one seemed glad to sacrifice time and strength as well as money for the cause.

The doctors especially were most generous, and the obligation of the committee to them is very great as well as to those others whose names appear in the list to be found at the end of this report. Special mention should be made of the Theo. Metcalf Company, which repeated

their generosity of fourteen years ago and gave twenty-four first-aid kits, supplied with medicines selected for this special emergency by the secretary, who also obtained ice caps, water pails and ice cans from other firms. The representative of Theo. Metcalf Company spared neither time nor strength in following out every suggestion given. The police department was indefatigable in its attention to details, Superintendent Crowley giving his personal thought to every point which would add to the safety and comfort of those taking part in the parade. The sewer department not only provided sanitary tents, but erected them and took them away.

The North Packing and Provision Company gave the use of fifteen new barrels for ice water, and one of the associates of Post 113 lent his automobile for extra service on several occasions. There were only three serious accidents, neither of which could have been prevented by any foresight of this committee. The case of Charles C. Sanford of the Soldiers' Home, Tennessee, who was killed by a fall from a window in the night or early morning of August 25, necessitated some work on the part of the secretary, co-operating with the Department Commander of Tennessee, that the remains might be removed from the morgue and sent at once to a sister in Cohoes, N. Y., who had been notified by telegraph. The use of the portico of St. Paul's Cathedral, Tremont Street, given by Dean Rousmaniere as a relief hospital, was abundantly justified. Many were relieved, and the lives of some undoubtedly saved, by this means.

This station as well as the large tent on the Common was in charge of Dr. E. W. Wilson and his assistants, orderlies and nurses from the City Hospital, who treated nearly 200 patients. Lowenstein & Co. gave the use of the equipment for St. Paul's station, the City Hospital furnishing the larger one.

A brief account of the arrangements for the parade may be of interest. Sanitary tents were erected at convenient stations along the streets of assembly, and again at the end of the march. Ice-water barrels were placed on six corners in the Back Bay and at four stations in Park Square; also on the grand stand, at St. Paul's Cathedral and the hospital tent on the Common. A detail of Sons of Veterans stood guard over these, and the Boy Scouts with canteens and with hundreds of paper drinking cups in their haversacks dispensed the water. The grand stand on Lafayette Mall was provided with four units, consisting of a doctor, orderly and nurse each. The Motor Squad of the National Guard, Colonel Decrow commanding, furnished

twenty auto ambulances and drivers, which were stationed at almost every corner along the route and at six stations on the Common. Four of these ambulances carried ice-water outfits; nine of them had doctors; the others were in charge of volunteer nurses and were within a few minutes' run of a field hospital.

Conspicuous signs were posted at each ambulance station, and the police kept a roped-off approach always open.

The great heat combined with the enormous crowd made every precaution necessary. Ladies of the Army and Navy Union Auxiliary of Boston and Worcester gave invaluable help on the auto ambulances and at the hospital tent. Each ambulance driver was given a card with his number, name of his doctor, his position in the line, and to what hospital and by what route to remove his patients. After the parade each man stayed at his post till his equipment and ambulance sign were taken away. The secretary with his orderlies traversed the route of the parade just before the march began, then covered the stations on the Common from which the ambulances were absent en route to the hospital tent. After the parade was over and the equipment collected the secretary's auto ambulance helped in taking to their homes those partially overcome by fatigue.

At every other event of the week the secretary was present with orderlies and other doctors whenever the latter were necessary. Only on one occasion was there no need of medical assistance. At all the others, numerous cases, more or less serious, were relieved. One case of an army nurse was visited twice at Hotel Westminster and treatment given. Commander John E. Gilman was visited after his accident, and later in the week removed to his home.

At the end of a week of anxiety and constant watchfulness this committee can congratulate itself that by means of invaluable assistance its plans were in the main well carried out for the relief of many, and that on the whole it fulfilled its mission and justified its existence.

The following doctors gave their services: W. Oliver Barney, W. S. Boardman, W. L. Cowles, Geo. David Cutler, Hilbert F. Day, Katherine Fenelon, R. M. Green, Alfred W. Gwinnell, T. W. Harmer, Daniel B. Hurley, Isabelle D. Kerr, W. E. Mansfield, Edward Martin, Ezekiel Pratt, H. L. Rothblatt, E. L. Saunders, Edward P. Starbird, James B. Thornton, Edmund W. Wilson, with assistants, orderlies, and nurses from the City Hospital.

Four nurses for the grand stand were provided by Miss Turner, 636 Beacon Street.

Mrs. Bateman and Ladies of Army and Navy Union Auxiliary, Boston and Worcester, gave valuable services; also Miss H. G. Powers, Mrs. W. L. Putnam, and Captains P. J. O'Leary and Edw. T. McGettrick of the United States Army.

Mention should also be made of Messrs. S. L. Baileu, A. W. Carr, Richard R. Flynn, Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions, O. E. Hodsdon, W. H. L. Odell, John Pira, John M. Simpson, Jr., and O. J. Seabolt with a detail of Sons of Veterans.

Details of Boy Scouts of America with their Scout Masters were everywhere at hand and ready to render aid at a moment's notice.

The secretary desires at this point to pay a sad and grateful tribute to the memory of his invaluable assistant, Miss H. G. Powers. Throughout that entire Encampment week, with cheerful smiles and heroic fortitude, she walked in the deepening shadows of the valley of death, carrying a heavy load of responsibility, discharging every task with scrupulous care, and never by word or sign disclosing even to her nearest friends the suffering that to her trained observation must have betokened the end that was close at hand.

HENRY CLARK,

JOHN DIXWELL, M.D.,

Chairman.

Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUSIC.

As chairman of the committee on Music I hereby submit the report of the work of the committee during the National Encampment of 1917.

The committee was composed of the following Comrades:—

Alfred H. Knowles, *Chairman.*

John M. Flockton.

Eben W. Pike, *Secretary.*

Richard R. Flynn.

George W. Wilder.

T. O. D. Urquhart.

J. Payson Bradley.

Arrangements were made and a contract was signed with Benj. F. Teel to furnish bands for the parade; also for the grand camp fire and other entertainments. The contract was well carried out, the music on all occasions being highly commended by every one.

The total expense incurred was \$896.66.

ALFRED H. KNOWLES,

EBEN W. PIKE,

Chairman.

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PRESS COMMITTEE.

This committee was constituted by the Executive Committee soon after its organization, and Comrade Alfred S. Roe of Post 10, Worcester, was made its chairman. Unhappily, this Comrade, in every way so well qualified for the position, died before the committee was fully organized, and Comrade John D. Billings of Post 186, Cambridge, was made his successor. This committee included in its membership, besides its chairman, the following:—

Frank C. Brownell, Vice-president, of the "Boston Herald;" Joseph B. Maccabe, secretary, of the "East Boston Argus;" J. Harry Hartley of the "Boston Globe;" Comrade Rupert J. Chute of the "Boston Transcript;" and Comrade Weston F. Hutchins of the Court House Press Room, Boston.

At the beginning of its existence the committee was informed that the papers of the city would be unable to devote much of their space to advertising the affairs of the Encampment, owing to the demands made upon them by the happenings incident to the great world war and the high cost of material. On this account, in part, it was decided to issue periodical bulletins which should contain such of the proceedings of the Executive Committee as would be of general interest, together with items received from other sources that seemed of value for promulgation. Five such bulletins were issued and mailed in quantity to National and Department Headquarters of the Grand Army and its various auxiliary bodies, and to the metropolitan press of the country.

During Encampment week the committee opened a press headquarters at Hotel Vendome, where a clerk received and gave out to reporters such news and information as came to hand, and extended cordial greetings to the visitors who honored the office by a call.

There was expended by this committee \$13.68.

JOHN D. BILLINGS,

Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Before and immediately after the Encampment this committee had nothing to do, as it was decided that each special committee should order and supervise whatever printing might be needed in the prosecution of its work.

It must not be inferred, however, that this committee has escaped its full share of work and responsibility. Upon it has devolved the task of obtaining reports from each of the special committees, preparing these for the printer, and compiling and carrying through the press the present History of the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Boston. This task has been neither light nor easy. The result, it is to be hoped, will be satisfactory. The total expenditures have been \$263.35.

PHILIP A. NORDELL, *Chairman.*
WILFRED A. WETHERBEE.

REPORT OF RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

The Reception Committee was organized with the chairman presiding, and with Gen. E. LeRoy Sweetser as secretary. The committee was composed of twenty-four members, representing military and professional life. Each member was presented with a metal badge upon a yellow ribbon. Tickets were distributed among the committee for the grand stand, camp fires, receptions and other functions. The committee assisted at the reception to the Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of Veterans, and Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary; also at the unofficial meeting and camp fire at Mechanics Building, and at camp fire in Faneuil Hall; assisted the Entertainment Committee for the auto ride to Lexington, Concord and Cambridge, and the boat ride to Nantasket Beach for the New England clam dinner.

His Excellency Governor Samuel W. McCall entertained many distinguished guests upon the reviewing stand in front of the State House.

His Honor Mayor James M. Curley invited many mayors of other cities of the Commonwealth upon the reviewing stand at City Hall.

Commander-in-Chief Patterson of the Grand Army of the Republic had with him upon the grand stand many prominent military guests.

The Woman's Relief Corps and allied bodies of the Grand Army of the Republic, also some veterans who were unable to march or ride, were provided with seats upon the grand stand.

The committee received many compliments from veterans and friends in appreciation of the hospitality shown them. We desire to thank the Committee of Badges, Entertainment, and Grand Stand for the many courtesies received.

The Boy Scouts are entitled to our thanks for their good work in assisting Comrades.

The expenses of the committee were only \$8.

DANIEL E. DENNY,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REUNIONS.

The Committee on Reunions submits the following report:—

The duties of my committee were not arduous, and we performed them without much trouble and to the satisfaction of the different organizations. There were not so many who wanted accommodations as in former years, and a few made their own arrangements. The work went along smoothly and all seemed to be satisfied.

My thanks are due to General Lombard for his services, as he did all of the detail work. The other three members of the committee, Guy Richardson, Thomas O. D. Urquhart and L. W. Floyd, I thank for their readiness to do everything suggested, although their duties were very light.

The expenses of the committee were \$11.

EDWIN P. STANLEY,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

As chairman of the Committee on Transportation I appointed as my associates on that committee Comrade Wilfred A. Wetherbee, J. E. Brittain, passenger agent of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, Lemuel B. Burgess of the Nickel Plate, H. M. Fletcher of the Santa Fé and George E. Masters of Boston. We had several conferences with the Passenger Association, seeking the lowest rates possible, but could get no reductions from the rates as secured through the National Headquarters.

The visitors from the New England States were granted a small reduction from the regular rates, subject to the condition that they

pay full fare to Boston and receive a certificate to that effect which would entitle them to a return ticket at half fare. These certificates required the signature of the chairman of the Committee on Transportation, and to this end he established a headquarters in the lobby of the Hotel Vendome. So far as I have learned, the transportation of the Comrades from all parts of the country was completed without a mishap, and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. HOSLEY,

Chairman.

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